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2nd February 2009

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Mr A Walters, Crowborough Fantastic service. Excellent fitters. Very efficient.

Miss Rowe, Maidstone Your workmen were polite, very hard working and came across as genuine, helpful people. The best yet, from all the work I have had done by Britelite.

4th February 2009

Mr Wood, Tonbridge

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Mrs A Atkins, Dartford

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Mrs Hicks, East Sussex A good job and well done.

6th February 2009

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Mr & Mrs Jones, Maidstone

Very pleasant fitters who obviously knew their job. We are very pleased with the installation. Thank you.

Mr L.E Taylor, Crowborough All the teams worked very well and were very helpful. The top team

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Mr A Alexandrou, Sandwich

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9th February 2009

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10th February 2009

condition. A job well done, thank you.

11th February 2009

J.R Cooper, Rainham

Very impressed, both men never stopped working.

12th February 2009

Mr J Butcher, Ashford

Could not fault the installers. They did not stop working from the moment they arrived - very pleased.

13th February 2009

Mr Leaske, Ashford

Professional enthusiastic and pleasant members of staff.

Mr & Mrs Olley The fitters are good clean workers good job well done. We have been using Britelite since the late 1970's

Mr S Clark, Sittingbourne

Very pleased with the service and fitting.

Miss Mist, Dartford

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Mr & Mrs Nichols, Maidstone

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Mrs Sinclair, MaidstoneI am very impressed with the team that fitted my new door. They both worked so hard and were very professional. There was no mess to clean up either. They did a fantastic job. Thank you.

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Mrs Tehrani, Walmer,

Miss Turner & Mr

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Leadbitter, Folkestone.Very tidy finish and the window looks great. Thanks 20th February 2009

Mrs I Sandys, Cliffewoods

The two men who fitted my door were efficient and pleasant in manner.

23rd February 2009

Mr S Tole, Croydon

Mr Aldous, Ramsgate

Fitter very clean and tidy. Very happy with windows would recommend to others.

Mr Weekes, Ashford

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the windows and doors very good workmanship.

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Mrs S Scotchmur, Sittingbourne The fitters were friendly and extremely competent at their job, and left the site clean and tidy. Mrs B Pocock, Broadstairs The work was carried out efficiently and cleanly. Everywhere was left in perfect



Mr T Hills, Dartford.

Excellent product fitted to a very high standard. The fitters were extremely quick. Very little disruption and very tidy. Many thanks.

Mr & Mrs Hogbin, Canterbury Very friendly workmen, came in and

got on with the job. Cleared up after, left no mess and did fantastic job. Very pleased with end result.

Mr & Mrs Judd, Marden

The four men worked well as a team and installed 9 windows between 8.30am and 3.00pm they were very pleasant and competent. They left the house and surrounding area clean and tidy. We are very pleased with the finished result and cannot believe how quickly the task was executed. Thank you

Mrs S Miles, Folkestone

Found your fitters to be very cheerful, friendly and cleared away all debris. Would recommend you to anyone thinking of improvements

Mr & Mrs Gray, Chatham

As usual you team were very professional, polite and courteous. They cleaned after themselves and left my home tidy we are very pleased with our conservatory roof. Well done! (This is the third time we used Britelite)

16th February 2009

Mr Fenley & Miss Doyle, Dartford

The group of fitters were very polit efficient and very helpful. I was totally at ease having them in my home, which they respected. They worked late to finish the job. no rushing, just a good finish. Thank you.

Mr & Mrs McManus, Welling. Extremely pleased with the way fitters worked. A nice clean tidy installation.

Ms V Rogerson, Ashford Very hard workers and polite and courteous

The installers did an excellent job.

18th February 2009

Mr T Dorney, Biggin HillThe two fitters worked exceptionally hard. They were polite and courteous and did a brilliant job in fitting 8 windows and 2 doors in just 2 days. Their standard of work was excellent. My wife and I are very pleased with the high standards of you company

Mr M Coles, Isle of Sheppey

19th February 2009

Mr Lawlor, Tonbridge

Both installers were polite, friendly and explained what they were doing as they went. Got me to check I was happy with each window as they went. Very pleased with windows and installers, would definitely use again and recommend.

All testimonials are genuine and can be inspected at Britelite's Show Centre

These are just a few of the testimonials we received since February 2009

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GURKHA campaigners will join party leaders outside Parliament today in protest at the Government's new settlement criteria for veterans who retired before 1997.

Actress Joanna Lumley, whose father fought alongside Nepalese soldiers in the Seond World War, is to meet Conservative leader David Cameron and the Liberal Democrats' Nick Clegg before a Commons debate on the issue this afternoon.

It is expected 1,000 Gurkha veterans will be among them, following BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

widespread fury about the complex new rules which campaigners say would work in favour of only about 100 applications.

A High Court ruling in September declared that Home Office guidance which excluded soldiers who retired before 1997 was unlawful, forcing the Government to review its policy.

Joanna Lumley said the reaction to last week's announcement had been "profound and widespread" and campaigners would continue their fight.

She said: "People from every political persuasion, walk of life and of all ages are furious that our government has turned its back on these heroes.

"I am calling on Mr Cameron and Mr Clegg to give solemn and binding commitments that they will overturn

Shepway councillor Peter Carroll, one of the founders of the Gurkha Justice campaign, said: "This policy means that retired British Army Gurkhas face deportation.

"Many of those back in Nepal will suffer needlessly as they are denied entry to the UK. We are asking that

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RAY RUNNING UP

Folkestone runner Ray Johnson completed his ninth London Marathon in a row on Sunday, raising more than £4,000 for the Kent Association for the Blind. Completing the run in four hours, one minute and 20 seconds, the insurance broker has now raised more than £40,000 for good causes. He achieved his best time in 2002, when he completed the 26.2-mile course in three hours and 23 minutes. Ray said: "It was particularly hard-going from mile 17 onwards this time around as I suffered from a stitch. "The crowds were most encouraging and kept me going."

Ray was among 35,000 runners who helped raise millions of pounds for good causes, in temperatures which went up to 16° C. You can sponsor Ray by donating online at www.justgiving.com/

rayjohnson, or call him on 01303 221 188.



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'Lollicams' to make school run more safe

■ BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

LOLLIPOP ladies have a new hidden weapon in the fight against dangerous drivers who refuse to stop when children are crossing.

Madeleine Anderson, who helps pupils and parents from Dymchurch Primary School get to the other side of the busy A259, has a camera built into her lollipop which records traffic coming from both directions.

The footage can then be used as evidence in court and guilty drivers can be slapped with a fine and penalty

Some of the dangers include abuse from impatient motorists and vehicles swerving around at high speed after failing to see the Stop sign.

Policing

PC Ian Clark, roads policing officer, said: "Dymchurch seems to have quite a big issue with road crossing, which is why we have been approached through the community safety unit at Shepway council.

"This is the first of its kind in the

south of England, so it is quite a big thing for us.

"Initially it's going to be at Dymchurch and then if the CSU identify any other schools we can move it where it needs to be."

A mini storage card records in 12-second sections after being activated by a tilt-switch when the pole is held upright.

There are no other crossing signs on the busy and bendy stretch of road, which is the main route between Folkestone and Hastings.

Funding for the 'lollicam' came from the Shepway community safety unit, which brings together a number of agencies including the council and police and aims to reduce crime throughout the district.



IN-BUILT CAMERA: Lollipop lady Madeleine Anderson with PC Ian Clark at Dymchurch

Jyotsna Leney, community safety manager at Shepway council, said: "The lollicam was really designed to address the road-crossing patrol problems. However, we are looking at other solutions around the school

"In particular we are developing walking buses and use of other measures, for example extending school keep-clear lines and looking at possible yellow-lining in the problem hotspots. But that will be something which will be developed over time.

"The lollicam is literally one of a number of solutions to address the school run problems here."

NEWS IN BRIEF

RAF chief guest at tribute to The Few

THE head of the Royal Air Force will be the guest of honour at the annual tribute to the airmen of the Battle of Britain in July.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy, Chief of the Air Staff, will join veter-ans of the aerial fighting in 1940 at an open-air service and parade at the National Battle of Britain Memorial on the cliff top at Capel-le-Ferne.

The event will mark the 15th anniversary of the unveiling of the National Memorial by Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Admission to the service and parade on Sunday, July 12, is free. More details are due to be announced nearer the time.

Psychic to take you on a paranormal journey

PSYCHIC investigator Dr Marty Cia is to host a series of live mediumship shows throughout Shepway next month, to help raise money for charity.

Dr Cia's brother Daniel died aged 24 of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome and a donation will be given to CRY,

which offers support to families who have suffered from such a loss.

The begin at the Masonic Lodge in Grace Hill, Folkestone on Friday, May 8. This is followed on Saturday 9 at Lydd Community Centre in Manor Road, then Saturday 16 at Hawkinge Village Hall in Canterbury Road, Sunday 17 at Hamstreet village hall in Ruckinge Road, and Wednesday 27 at Organswick Avenue in Dymchurch.

The evenings run from 7pm-10pm and tickets are £7 on the door, including snacks and refreshments.

Enjoy blooming good walk around forest

SPRING wild flowers including bluebells, as well as stories about history and wildlife, will be on offer on the next

guided walk around Lyminge Forest. The free tour on Sunday (May 3) starts from West Wood car park, just off the B2068 Stone Street near the Six Mile garage.

For details, download the booklet from www.whitecliffscountryside. org.uk, or call the White Cliffs Countryside Project on 01303 274806.

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How maitre'd Nick keeps cool in heat of Hell's Kitchen

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

IF you have been glued to TV's Hell's Kitchen over the last three weeks, you might have recognised one of its regular faces.

Nick Munier, the maitre'd who has to endure the rantings of Marco Pierre White while putting up with impatient diners, first learned his trade while serving customers as a youngster in Folkestone.

The fourth series of the hit reality cookery show, and the second to feature Marco as head chef alongside Nick, finished on Monday.

Former Dynasty star Linda Evans was crowned the winner, having competed alongside the likes of TV presenter Anthea Turner and comic Adrian Edmondson.

He told Yourshepway: "My parents used to run the Normandy hotel in Cheriton Road and I had to get up at 7am to serve breakfast for the customers before school.

"It was a good experience, though, and gave me an idea of what I wanted to do

After attending the town's Stella Maris primary school and then St Edmund's in Dover, Nick headed off to catering college in Tonbridge before working at a number of top London restaurants, including for the Roux brothers.

It was during this time when he was first introduced to Marco, which eventually led to him being invited to appear alongside him on the ITV1 show.

Drinking

Asked about his memories of growing up in the district, he said: "I used to play football for Martello Towers and then Bay United until I was about 17.

"I really enjoyed it but haven't had much opportunity to play since. Then you start drinking and smoking.'

Filming for each day's episode was a gruelling task, with the typical hours being 10.30am-1.30am, but it doesn't seem to have dampened Nick's enthusiasm for the job.

He said: "The days are long, but it's

enjoyable, the ratings are up from the

previous series and the extra profile has definitely helped as well.'

Now living in Dublin, he plans on opening his own restaurant in the Irish capital after working at the Michelin-starred L'Ecrivain and at Claridge's, owned by rock band U2.

Asked about the show's notoriously temperamental star chef, he said: "I've known Marco for 16 years, so when we argue on camera it's fine afterwards and not something we take too seriously after the show. I think it's more to do with the heat and stress of the kitchen.'

Among Nick's highlights in this series was a heated exchange with G4 singer Jonathan Ansell, after he said the veal had not been cooked enough.

Nick said he returns to this area about twice a year to visit his parents, who now live in Hythe, and in his spare time likes to concentrate on abstract painting.

Among his favourite places to eat in the area is Paul's Restaurant in Bouverie Road West and Sandgate's Bar Vasa.

He says he hopes to return for a third time on the show next year "once Marco's sorted out his contract".



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN: Nick Munier has known Marco Pierre White (inset) for 16 years and says putting up with the chef's fiery temper is all part of the job

'We have already welcomed about 6,000 Gurkhas'

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both parties cooperate in the Opposition Day debate on this issue and vote the Government down."

Border and immigration minister Phil Woolas said the new policy would allow another 10,000 Gurkhas and their families entry to Britain.

The new criteria apply to Gurkhas who have spent at least three years in the UK during or after service, have close family in the country, been rewarded for leadership or bravery and have served for at least 20 years in the brigade.

Gallantry

Last Friday, Mr Woolas said: "This guidance honours the service, commitment and gallantry of those who served with the Gurkhas.

"Where there are strong reasons, there has been scope for Gurkhas who retired prior to July 1997 to apply to settle in the UK.

"In fact, because of rules brought in

by the Government, we have already welcomed about 6,000 Gurkhas and family members to Britain.'

The 2nd Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles are based at Folkestone's Shorncliffe Barracks and some 130 soldiers recently returned from a six-month tour of Helmand province in Afghanistan.

Horse destroyed after being left to starve by owner

guilty of animal cruelty after failing to look after his horse.

Eric John Whenday was given a 12-month ban on owning or caring for horses after being convicted of causing unnecessary suffering and failing to provide veterinary care to a horse in his custody.

He was also ordered by the judge to pay £2,400 in costs, to be paid within 14 days.

Emaciated

World Horse Welfare field officer Ted Barnes went out to investigate last month after hearing reports of neglect, following a call to the charity's welfare line about a concern near Rye in East Sussex.

He found an emaciated grey gelding, suffering from a range of conditions including a severe louse infestation, hair loss and a number of open wounds, including

The horse's front feet were also overgrown and in urgent need of attention.

The condition of the animal was such that it was estimated it had been suffering for five months.

Mr Whenday, a lifting-gear

inspector and owner of the land, denied the charges that were brought against him at Hastings magistrates court.

The horse's condition was so poor that it was put down on the recom-mendation of a vet shortly after being removed from the premises.

The World Horse Welfare charity

rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes horses in Britain.

It has a nationwide team of 16 field officers which investigate about 1,700 concerns each year.

· Anyone who has concerns about the welfare of a horse is asked to call the charity's welfare line on 08000 480 180.



Police seek people who saw collision

WITNESSES are urged to come forward after a passenger was seriousy injured and airlifted to hospital following a crash on Romney Marsh on Friday last week.

The collision between a silver Ford Escort, a recovery truck and a Ford Focus in Guldeford Lane, Brookland, occurred at about 1pm.

A passenger in the Escort was flown to King's Hospital in London, while the driver and a second passenger were taken by ambulance to the Conquest Hospital in St Leonards with minor injuries, together with one of the Focus passengers.

Crash investigators are eager to talk to the driver of a red car, travelling from Sussex towards Brookfield, who they believe may have seen the collision.

Anyone with information can call the SCIU witness line on 01622 798538.

Starkey DVD charts Cinque Ports history

TV historian David Starkey is to launch a DVD about the history of the Cinque Ports next month.

Dr Starkey will first visit the Port of Dover as a guest of the Royal Navy and HMS Severn to receive a copy of the DVD from a Hastings fishing boat.

He will then travel in procession to Dover Castle to present the DVD to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Admiral Lord Boyce.

A reception will be attended by Brigadier James OBE, Visit Kent chairman Amanda Cottrell and the mayors of the 14 Cinque Ports and Cinque Port Limbs.

The event takes place on Friday, May 15, starting at 10.15am, when Dr Starkey arrives at Dover Cruise Terminal One.





ANNIE'S ART AT PUNDOLE

A Dover-born artist who once lived for years on boats in England and France is the latest to exhibit her work at Folkestone's Neville Pundole Gallery.

Annie Soudain's Birds-Flowers-Fruit consists of paintings, linoprints and heritage toys first inspired when she was commissioned to help work on the refurbishment of the Saga Rose cruise ship.

She also once decorated a life-size glass-fibre cow for the CowParade London exhibition in 2002.

Her piece Dawn Cowrus was voted CowParade Champion in a Farmers' Weekly poll and was later auctioned at the Royal Smithfield Show to raise money for charity.

Ms Soudain, who now lives in Sussex, enjoys painting in watercolour, gouache and wax-resistant silk dyes. She also uses printmaking, mostly linocuts and fabric collage.

All work is for sale and the exhibition in Tontine Street runs from Saturday (May 2) until the end of the month. You can meet Annie on Friday (May 1) between 6pm-8pm.

School takes Ofsted to task over comments on discipline

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A TOP state school has hit back at a Government watchdog's report about its students' unruly behaviour by asking parents to clarify their concerns.

Folkestone's Harvey Grammar School sent out a covering letter accompanying its most recent Ofsted report asking for feedback about whether its 'satisfactory' rating was a "fair and accurate reflection" of the school as it is now. The Grade 3 satisfactory ranking is given on

The Grade 3 satisfactory ranking is given on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being 'outstanding' and 4 'inadequate'.

The inspection was only carried out last month and parents were invited by Ofsted to fill in a form and write comments as part of the school's assessment. In her introduction, inspector Joan Greenfield said: "Many parents recognise the improvements that have been made in recent months and are supportive of the school.

"Several other parents, though, express concerns about standards of behaviour and discipline in the school, the large number of 'cover' lessons because of staff absence, and consider that their views are not taken into account enough.

"The school's actions are addressing some of these concerns."

In response, a letter co-signed by the chairman of governors John Dennis and head-teacher Bill Wright said that governors and staff were "surprised, to put it mildly" with some of the report's judgements.

It said: "One thing the governors wondered is whether some of the parental views expressed had to do with how the school was [in bold type] rather than how the school is."

Parents are invited to tick one of four boxes

which most closely matches what they think of the findings, from 'fair and accurate' to 'mostly fair', 'mostly unfair' and 'unfair and inaccurate', along with room for comments.

There is an option to remain anonymous, although they are encouraged to leave their name and address so the school can get back to them personally.

The letter also took issue with the description of its sixth-form students as being 'above average'

It said: "To take one example, the performance of our students in the sixth form is described as merely 'above average' when we know that there is only one other KCC boys' grammar [Skinners in Tunbridge Wells] that has a higher score per examination entered at that level."

The school said it believed further improvement would come and its data suggested it would achieve its best-ever set of GCSE examination results this summer.



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Council workers face losing jobs if HR departments are merged

Shepway council remains on the horizon after plans were announced to merge services with neighbouring authorities and cut costs.

Earlier this month a joint meeting of leading councillors agreed to the creation of a single HR department, which will also incorporate those of Canterbury, Thanet and Dover.

The plans could see savings of up to £2.3 million across the four authorities, subject to each council's final approval, with Shepway set to be up to £400,000 better off by 2014.

But the reduction in the size of the service has led to fears of a reduced head-count at Shepway as a result, with the new office to be based in Dover.

A Shepway spokesman said staff at each of the authorities affected were being kept informed.

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She said: "Staff in the HR departments at each of the councils involved have been kept informed through this process. They are all aware that the size of the service will reduce in due course under these proposals.

"Provided these plans are approved by each council's cabinet and council, staff in HR will then transfer to the employment of Dover District Council, which will host the shared service.'

Employment regulations are in place to ensure people are protected during the depart-

The spokesman said: "A possible structure for the shared service has been put together purely for financial modelling purposes

"Any final structure will be subject to full consultation in line with our legal obligations as an employer, but this work will not start until after

"Transfer of Undertakings - Protection of Employment (Tupe) - regulations protect people's terms and conditions of employment in takeovers and transfers."

The East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee, which also includes members of Ashford council, was set up last year to look at ways in which important services such as housing, waste collection, benefits, planning and leisure could be shared.

It covers a combined population of almost 400,000 people.

Shepway recently expanded its Lifeline service into Dover, which provides 24-hour care for vulnerable and elderly people.

The council won the contract to look after

1,554 customers on behalf of the neighbouring authority, while already serving 3,000 in its own district.



Are these yours?

ART-owners are being asked to come forward and see if they recognise paintings recovered by police.

It is thought the pieces could have been stolen from a house break-in somewhere in Folkestone. They were found, along with other ornaments, while police were investigating a burglary suspect in the area.

· If anyone recognises the items, they are asked to phone DC Jessica Wilson on 01303 850055.



Air cadets from Shepway and Dover were marching to the beat in the Scottish highlands over Easter at an intensive pipes and drums camp.

It was the Romney Marsh Cadets' third annual visit to Cameron Barracks in Inverness and they

were joined for the first time by their Folkestone and Dover counterparts

All strive for selection to play in the massed band, which performs at civic receptions in the district and this year nine Romney Marsh musicians were on parade at the end of a long week of

Cpl Laura Potts, of 354 Dover squadron, was the 2009 winner for the most improved novice tenor drummer, along with Romney Marsh brothers Cpl Chris Meller and F/S Tom Meller, who won awards for bass drummer and advanced side drummer.

Cadet Karl Lynch and F/S Ben McDonald, of 2513 Ronney Marsh squadron, were also among those who achieved places in the massed band, amid strong competition from the Scots.

Flight is the perfect RAF-fle prize

THIS year's Lydd Club Day could see one raffle-winner the chance to take to the skies alongside a former RAF commander.

Cliff Spink, boss of Lydd airport, whose 40-year career included overseeing a Tornado detachment during the Gulf War, is offering the prize of joining him for a flight in his private plane.

As well as the flight, the airport is donating £250 to the event, which takes place at the end of June on The Rype.

The airport is also giving £250 in sponsorship to the New Romney Country Fayre, along

with a 30-minute flying lesson as another raffle prize courtesy of Lydd Aero Club.

The New Romney Country Fayre will be

held on Tuesday, July 28, in the high street.

Lydd airport spokesman Jo Oliver said: "We like to do what we can to support our local communities. We've been part of both these events for the past four years, and we're proud to be one of the New Romney Country Fayre's largest sponsors.'

• For more information about Lydd airport, you can visit www.lydd-airport.co.uk, or alternatively phone 01797 322411.





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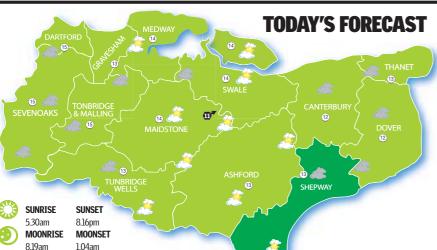
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	Sunday	6:21am	6.0m
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Ladies urged to join race to save lives

WOMEN in Shepway are invited to sign up for this year's Race For Life and help more people survive cancer.

Organised by Cancer Research UK, the charity is sending invitations out to friends, family and colleagues now that entry to the Folkestone event is officially open.

Last year 2,937 women walked, jogged or ran the event, which was taking place for the third time in the town, and raised £141,000.

In 2009 organisers are encouraging 3,000 women to put their best feet forward and beat a target of £161,000.

This year's race is the UK's largest womenonly fund-raising series. Women of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to walk, jog or run the five kilometre event.

Many of those who take part are cancer survivors or are participating in memory of a loved one whose life has been touched by cancer.

Sisterhood

The 2009 event manager for Kent, Natasha Etienne, said: "Women of all ages, abilities, shapes and sizes join in. They motivate and inspire each other to complete the course.

"Many simply walk round, chatting and having fun but they all share the wonderful spirit of sisterhood and pride on the day. She said the number of people surviving can-

She said the number of people surviving cancer is increasing, from less than three out of ten children in the 1960s, to seven out of ten.

Folkestone racers will be among a total of 680,000 women across the country taking part at over 230 events between May and July.

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Cancer Research UK hopes that together they will raise a total of £60 million to fund the charity's life-saving work.

This year Race For Life in Folkestone takes place on Sunday, June 21, at 11am on The Leas.

• Women in Kent are invited to enter Cancer Research UK's Race for Life at www.raceforlife.org or by calling 0871 641 2282.

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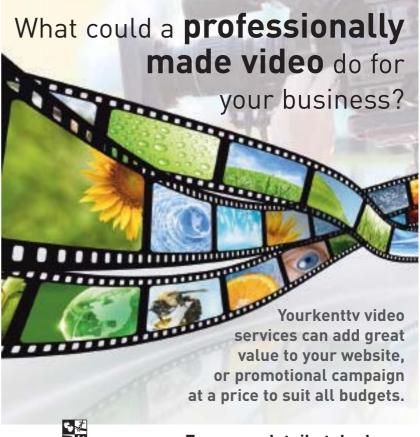














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QUESTION & ANSWER

ANDY FORD



How did you first get involved with the trust?

I was working for a local authority in Croydon for 20 years and I wanted to move down to the coast near Hythe and was looking for jobs in my field of learning disability. Previously I had worked with people with disabilities across the board.

What attracted you to that field of work?

I started in retail but began by working with older people in the care industry. Through talking to people with disabilities I began to realise just how lives can be affected by disability. I then began to work with older mentally ill people doing rehab through workshops like joinery and woodwork. I was bowled over by how much I enjoyed it. That propelled me into understanding the different aspects of disability and into social work training.

What is the history of the Canterbury Oast Trust?

It was started in 1985 by parents who wanted to get their children involved in doing activities during the day. They thought about buying a house where this could take place. The first building they had was a house rented in the Canterbury area – hence the name. Since then they have gone on to buy more properties and have expanded further afield. Over time the trust began to develop

more activities such as the farm which added another dimension. It allowed us to integrate more with the public and show them just what disabled people can do.

Do you think working with animals is particularly useful for the people you help?

The therapeutic nature of working with the animals has huge benefits. When our staff tend and nurture new lambs or rabbits for example, they get to go through a whole life cycle of an animal from them being born to them dying. That whole process reflects what we do in our own lives. People with complex problems can gain so much from an animal. They may not be able to talk to them but they can feed it, care for it and stroke it. It nurtures them and brings out the caring side to their personality. People can feel very in tune with animals; sometimes more than they can with people.

What sort of other things do people do at the centre?

Alt is not just the farm but also the restaurant. We also run plant and vegetable growing courses giving them retail experience selling the produce to the public. We have an arts and craft service which has a broad based range of activities including design and construction, needlework and pottery, greetings cards. All these require intricate and intimate skills and are given with accredited training. These are not

token exercises; if people have the skills we will bring it out in them. We also have a nature reserve. Twenty eight acres of ancient woodland near Aldington which is open to the public but managed by us. We have to do a lot of things such as coppicing which helps with wood craft skills and we build our own buildings.

We also teach numeracy, literacy, IT and French at Harrington College and have a life skills project that allows people to get out there and live independent lives. We want to help them through the transition into the real every day world. People with disabilities want to get out there and play a part in society and express themselves.

Has it been fulfilling?

Coming to a small organisation like this has been great because we are not burdened with bureaucracy that a local authority would have. We can see right from the top down how things are run and how well we are achieving our aims.

Mow can people get involved?

There are lots of opportunities for people to get involved in whether it be working on the farm to being involved in a life skill project just to helping out at the car park on a busy day. To volunteer call corporate volunteer manager, Rita Mathur on 01233 861493 ext 257.

Reporter **Ed Hill** talks to Andy Ford, senior manager of life skill projects at the Canterbury Oast Trust, which supports people with learning disabilities in east Kent and finds out about his fulfilling career and field of work

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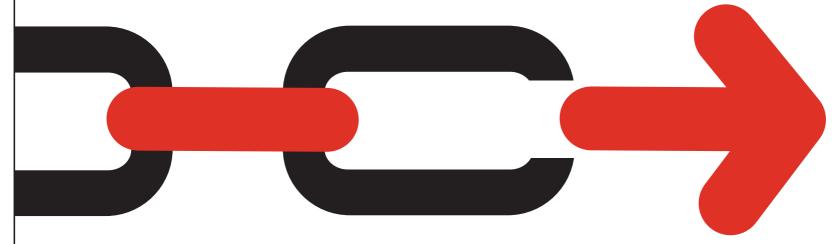
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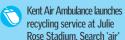
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Foreign truckers blamed for UK's porous borders

BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

THE true scale of Britain's lax border security has been revealed after shocking new figures showed that nine out of ten truckers bringing illegal immigrants into the country are foreign.

The UK Borders Agency admitted that of all the lorry drivers bringing in desperate migrants into the UK, 90 per cent were overseas drivers.

The figures, revealed following a Freedom of Information request, showed 1,571 foreign truckers were fined an estimated £2 million last year after clandestine migrants were found hiding in the back of their trucks.

In comparison, only 195 British hauliers were caught with stowaways and were fined some £300,000

British drivers have accused their foreign counterparts of risking £2,000 fines per migrant found because they know they will not have to pay them.

The statistics only show what was collected by the agency, not the total amount of fines issued, meaning there is still more than £1million owed in fines by foreign truckers.

Shadow immigration minister Damian Green said the foreign truckers were "abusing" UK laws and that a crackdown was needed.

The Tory MP for Ashford said the £2,000 fines were not deterring foreign drivers, adding: "Clearly many are abusing our immigration laws and they should be punished effectively when they are found to be carrying migrants on board their lorries.

"This is why the Conservatives continue to call for a dedicated and specialist border police



PORT IN A STORM: Would-be migrants keeping warm in Calais, hoping to gain access to the UK

Trucker Mervyn Osgood, 54, from Maidstone, said: "It's an absolute farce – we always see the foreign drivers talking to the migrants in Calais.

"These figures don't surprise me at all."

He said foreign truckers caught with illegals on board simply ignored the fines handed to them – sometimes not even telling their bosses they had been caught.

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He added: "They know they can get away with it because they don't seem to get prosecuted, so to them it's worth the risk.

"They get £1,500 from each illegal, so if they get four on they pocket around £6,000.

"Then they just unload their cargoes and head back to their countries.

"We can't do that because we live here and we take our jobs seriously."

The true extent of illegal migration is likely

The true extent of illegal migration is likely to be much bigger than the figures reveal.

The UK Border Agency admitted the stats do not reflect the fact that the 1,571 foreign

lorry drivers may have brought in up to ten migrants or more a time.

A spokesman for the agency said: "These figures don't reflect the actual figure because there are often more than one clandestine found per vehicle."

The spokesman said that last year a total of 28,000 migrants was caught trying to sneak into Britain on board lorries crossing the Channel by ferry.

The stats also revealed the foreign truckers were fined a further £811,507 for working in Britain without the necessary haulage permits.

Peter Cullum, head of international affairs at the Road Hauliers Association of Great Britain, said British drivers were doing their best to avoid migrant hot-spots across the Channel.

He said: "We know most of the drivers coming across with migrants on board are foreign. "It's very few of our guys."

Desperate migrant clung to Eurostar train at 186mph

AN ILLEGAL immigrant clung to the roof of a Eurostar as it hit a top speed of 186mph travelling through Kent, it has emerged.

The desperate migrant is thought to have jumped on to the train from an overhead bridge as it slowed before entering the Channel Tunnel near Calais.

He then clung to the roof for the 45-minute journey through the tunnel before the train reached Kent and hurtled towards London – with the man somehow holding on.

The migrant was only spotted at Ebbsfleet International Station, near Dartford, as he tried to slip down inbetween two carriages to make an escape.

The bid has highlighted how desperate the estimated 1,300 immigrants living around Calais have become to get into the UK.

Jumped

Michael Whelan, 38, a passenger on the Brussels to London service on Thursday, told a national newspaper: "I spoke to the train captain at Ebbsfleet and he told me the train slowed as it approached the tunnel at Calais so he thought the man probably jumped on to the roof there from an overhead bridge.

"I don't know how long he was on the roof,

"I don't know how long he was on the roof, but one of the Eurostar workers spotted him on it at Ebbsfleet and then he hid in the gap between the carriages."

The man, thought to be of Indian descent and in his early 20s, was arrested by officers from the British Transport Police before being handed over to the UK Border Agency, which gave him a medical examination.

Passengers were delayed as sniffer dogs were brought in to search for further immigrants, but the man had carried out his death-defying stunt alone.

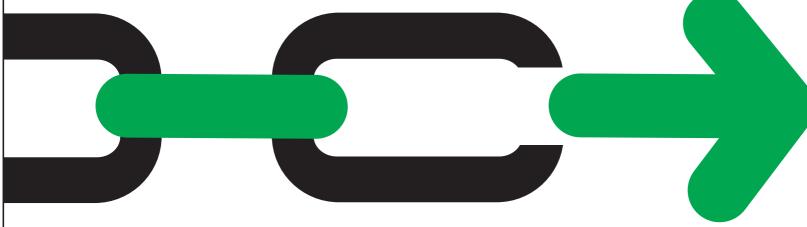
A Eurostar spokesman said: "A man believed to be an illegal immigrant was on one of the train carriages. He was removed and detained by British Transport Police. We can't comment on how he got there, but the train would have reached speeds up to 186mph between the tunnel and Ebbsfleet."



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"Food for Schools is an exciting new scheme where we can raise awareness of the benefits of local produce and donate significant funds to our county's schools.

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Simply log on and place your order at the site and before you know it, your shopping will arrive – complete with the free gift.

Asparagus is the per-

fect example of a food benefiting from a reduction in food miles and is at its very best within hours of being picked. Meanwhile, next Saturday, May 2, the Penshurst farmers' market will be celebrating its arrival with an Asparagus Festival.

It will showcase locally-grown asparagus, while local farmer Michael Bourne will be on hand to showcase the best way to cook and grow asparagus.

Alison Shamash, the Asparagus Festival organiser, said: "English asparagus is always popular with visitors to the market. It has only a short six-week season, and it needs to be as fresh as possible, so local is definitely best.

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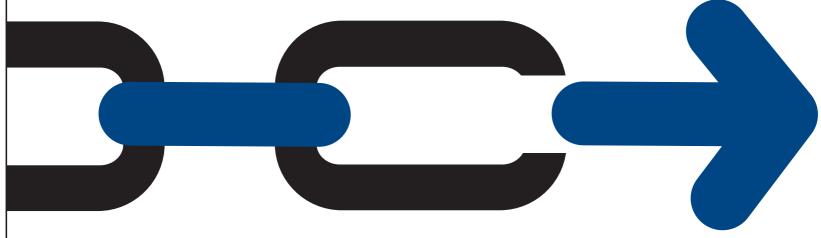




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For more information, phone 01303 265141, or email davidspaton@msn.com.

Head 'leading from the front'

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

GOOD leadership, management and governance are at the heart of Greatstone Primary School's success, according to its recent Ofsted report.

The school in Baldwin Road, which has 381 pupils, was awarded the second-highest assessment of 'good' after seeing an improvement in standards over the last two years, with potential for even more.

Head-teacher Leigh Mortimer works "tenaciously" to give greater opportunities for pupils and provides a shared sense of direction among staff.

Pupils' achievements are above average, they get on well with each other and take pride in their work. They make good progress from nursery to year six and teaching is lively and catches their interest. Regular feedback and the trialling of new approaches aim to help pupils understand their work better.

Comments from a questionnaire filled in by parents include "the school could not have made more effort to help my children settle", and good links with home contribute to the



GREATSTONE PRIMARY: Head-teacher Leigh Mortimer's leadership skills have been praised by Ofsted

family ethos, making the school an integral part of the community. There is plenty of provision for those in nursery and reception classes, with most pupils reaching expected levels by the time they are in year one.

The gardening area is used well, helping children develop their physical skills and encouraging them to be more inquisitive and to make decisions.

The report said: "The school is a happy and harmonious community where pupils get on well together.

"Pupils feel valued and know that adults have their best interests at heart.

"As a result of penetrating and effective selfevaluation, the school has an accurate view of its strengths and areas for development.

"Effective action has been taken to raise standards, particularly in writing and mathematics, and to accelerate the progress of the most capable pupils.

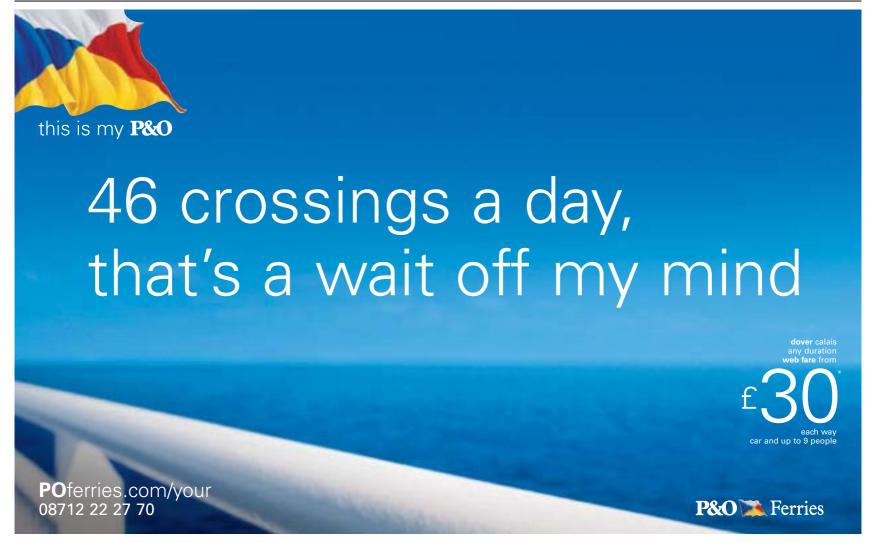
"The head-teacher checks the school's performance rigorously. He is quick to recognise and praise the good work of staff and pupils, and is alert to situations where people need advice and guidance."

Pupils are keen to learn and enjoy school and their behaviour is described as "exemplary", with good attendance by most.

Recommendations by the inspectors about

what the school could do to improve further include setting targets for all pupils and ensuring those with learning difficulties are identified at an earlier stage.

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Ray Duff believes that the attitude of the local authority spells the end for the Leas lift

Why is council ignoring the campaign to save Leas lift?

FURTHER regarding the Leas Cliff water-lift and the Cabinet meeting of Wednesday, April 15, the outcome was far from satisfactory, as I am sure most people will agree.

Firstly, the day before the meeting, Shepway council leader Robert Bliss pre-empted any further proper discussion of the lift by announcing the ratifification of the ending of the lease decision on Tuesday, June 30.

This after the resolution by the previous corporate scrutiny committees to refer the issue back to the Cabinet with a view to Shepway continuing to run the lift this year and beyond. The leader appears to me to have abrogated democracy.

abrogated democracy.

Then, just before the meeting, Cllr Bliss was presented with a petition which contained 1,921 signatures and advised of the – so far – 2,780 people on a Facebook group appealing to the council to keep it running.

He was further asked to mention this to his Cabinet colleagues. He pointedly failed to do so, thus insulting everyone who signed it and all other supporters.

He may also have claimed that the council wanted to see it running, but this in my – and virtually everyone else's – view has not been borne out by the facts.

At Cabinet the lease-ending decision was unanimously ratified by what in my view was little more than 'dictat' and 'rubber-stamping' by other members.

Cllr Bliss may be writing to Lord Radnor and keeping the lift delapidation budget of $\pounds 294,000$ – rather less than the £1 million claimed before to be necessary – in this year's budget, but these appeared to be mere sops to sweeten the bitter pill.

The two months or so left for another group – a trust fund, perhaps – to be ready financially, legally and staffing-wise to take over from then is probably impossible.

It takes several weeks just to carry out basic

staff-training and even then some months to get the necessary experience in operation to run it safely.

The lift will thus surely close from July, probably for the summer season and school holiday periods at least, cutting many people off from the beach and coastal park.

Furthermore, I am reliably advised that after just a few weeks out of operation it would very likely be unoperable without major repair work to get it up and running again. So at this point it looks doomed.

Is it any wonder at all that the same council meeting on April 15 received the Audit Commission report saying that Shepway was the least-improved authority in the country since the last review, finishing bottom out of a list of 388 nationwide?

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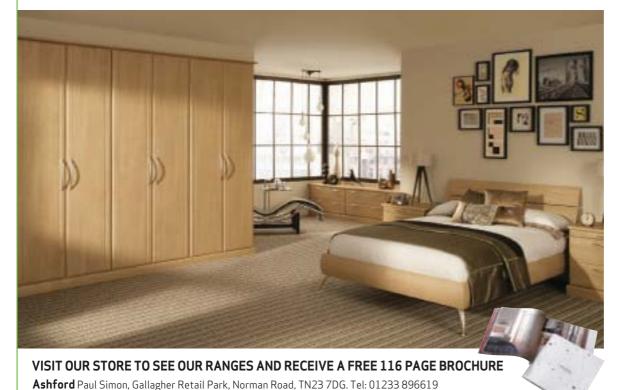
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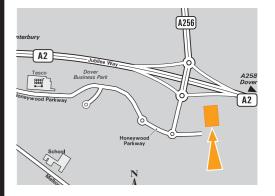
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Folkestone's alternative festival is Hevy



HEADLINE: Feeder will perform at the old Rotunda

FEEDER, Ash and Gary Numan will be among the headline acts descending on Folkestone seafront this summer for the launch of a new music festival.

The old Rotunda amusement park at the foot of the cliffs will be the site of the Hevy Music Festival on Saturday, August 1, which will also feature a string of other indie-rock bands including Hundred Reasons, Kids In Glass Houses, Attack! Attack!, Sonic Boom Six

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

and In Case Of Fire.

The newest arrival to Kent's growing festival scene comes in the wake of the postponement last month of Red List Live at Port Lympne, due to increasing competition and the effects of the recession.

Promoter James Dutton said: "There are many fantastic new festivals being developed in Kent this year.

"To try to create something a bit different,

and cater for a market that we felt could do with some attention, we're developing this as an alternative music festival.

"We're unbelievably excited to be bringing these huge names to Folkestone, but our aim has always been to develop the local music scene and support the wealth of talent Kent has to offer.

He said preparations had been ongoing for the past six months and they were "keeping things simple" for their first year by sticking to a one-day event.

"We're hoping to develop the event next year, with more bands on more stages, possibly over a number of days," said Mr Dutton.

"We're now on the hunt for Kent's greatest bands to play the festival's second stage and they can get in touch via our website."

The company behind the festival, Hevy, has been involved in Folkestone before in bringing the likes of the Holloways and Turin Brakes to the Leas Cliff Hall.

The announcement comes as the music and arts scene in Shepway continues to thrive, with the opening of Folkestone's latest live venue Quarterhouse already attracting top jazz players and stand-up acts.

Tickets for the Hevy Festival are priced at £48 and are on sale now at www.hevy.co.uk and from the Leas Cliff Hall box office.

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TALK TIME

HANNAH JOYCE

The founder of local company Virtual PA spoke to us about setting up her own business, opportunities in the area and amateur dramatics



Tell us a little about yourself.

My name is Hannah Joyce, I'm 25 and live in Saltwood. I grew up in Hythe and Stowting and went to Folkestone School for Girls. I have recently set up a virtual PA and lifestyle management company called Virtual Girl Friday, which is aimed at SMEs and sole traders in south-east Kent. Virtual Girl Friday offers a remote PA and office manager service - a cross between a PA, a project manager and a lifestyle concierge.

What gave you the inspiration to set up **Virtual Girl Friday?**

It was an idea I first had several months ago when I found I had modernised all the procedures in my current job. In my years as an in-house PA and office manager, I have noticed that outdated processes, mounting paperwork and ever-growing to-do lists only serve to cause the owners of small businesses to stress. That's where a Virtual PA comes in. In the current economic climate, no business-owner wants to take on new administrative members of staff and many, sadly, have to cut back on those they already employ. This seems the perfect solu-

What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not working?

I have had a love of theatre and music from an early age, so a lot of my free time goes into working with Folkestone and Hythe Operatic Dramatic Society at the Tower Theatre in Cheriton. Also playing my saxophone or singing in the shower.

YOUR LETTERS

Goodbye... now for that £3,600 please

At last, Linda and John Oliver are no longer councillors in Hythe West and Shepway.

We have heard their lame excuses for not attending meetings, claiming that living almost 200 miles away didn't really matter that much.

The real tragedy is that we witnessed Conservatives on the district council remove Cllr Linda Oliver from all her committees so she didn't need to travel the 200 miles to attend.

On Hythe Town Council, councillors didn't complain too loudly about the regular absences of both Linda and John Oliver, although their empty seats made a mockery of having a 'full' council meeting.

Indeed, these councillors' names were omitted from the surgery rota.

Even a face-to-face surgery meeting, held every few months or so, was too much to expect from these two representatives.

The Conservative website quoted that the Olivers, because they had moved, would resign in the new year - err, that was for

Clearly the organisation itself is incapable of telling the truth.

It's about time the people of Hythe West were properly represented and I have informed the returning officer at Shepway council that people of Hythe West have signed the necessary forms requesting an election to replace these absent councillors

I wonder but hold little hope,

alas, if Linda Oliver will have just an ounce of honour and return to Shepway her councillor's allowance (£3,600-plus per year) that I believe she continued to receive while residing in Bath.

Liberal Democrat campaigner for Hythe

Creative survival is mosaic of support

I was delighted to read the recent front-page article telling everyone about the wonderful mosaics that Jo Letchford has been commissioned to brighten up The Old High Street in Folkestone.

She has created a beautiful floor for the entrance to my shop, Quake - also on The Old High Street - and her skill and attention to detail complement the quality of our range of handmade handbags.

Those who live in Folkestone who haven't visited The Old High Street recently should take a look - this is a unique area which attracts skilled craftspeople and artists.

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Our commitment to the area has led to us developing our own range of fabric and felt handbags that we make on the premises

We are now in the process of recruiting part-time machinists and we hope eventually to build trade to the point where we can employ five to 10 people - a small but encouraging sign that regenerating an area eventually provides jobs for local people.

Rachel Jones, Quake Folkestone www.quakefolkestone.co.uk

Clarity needed on lift fund-raising

In reply to Bob Mouland regarding the step-lift carriage issue: while the carriage is clearly linked to the Leas lift, people have apparently been donating to the fund thinking that the money collected is for the upkeep of the whole site, not just the old carriage.

This is why much better clarity is needed.

Ray Duff

Gurkha decision shames this land

After hearing the latest news about the Gurkhas' plight, I am ashamed to be a British citizen.

What is the Government thinking of when it closes its doors on a nationality that has given its all to support and defend this country in its hour of need in conflicts throughout the world, as the Gurkhas have

I had an uncle who served with them during the Second World War and he told to me they were the finest bunch of men anyone could serve with.

Can somebody in this crazy world please get in touch with me and explain what idiot came to the conclusion that they have no regard to accepting these kind, courageous people in our

This at a time when boatloads of immigrants are allowed into this country from anywhere in the world, some of whom want to blow off our heads as soon as possible.

I do hope we can arrive at some sense on this issue and return to when people like myself were proud to be English.

Mr P Graham (ex-serviceman OAP)

Our town is full of future stage stars

Having seen a poster for Dover Youth Theatre's show, The Boy Who Fell Into a Book, which was excellent, I decided to come over to Dover once again to see From Classic to Contemporary West End and Broadway.
It was hard to believe that the

talented youngsters who took part in the show only had five days to learn their lines and rehearse for their performance - they were so polished and professional!

The opening and closing numbers, Comedy Tonight and Rhythm of Life, were well chosen the first put the audience in the mood for a great evening's entertainment and the latter had everyone singing and clapping along at the end.

Highlights for me included the male members of the cast's There Is Nothing Like a Dame.

This is such a well-known piece that it's difficult not to compare with the original, but the boys did themselves proud.

Still with the boys, Why, 'Cause I'm a Guy was hilarious and the four lads who sang it - Luke



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Breen, Steve Harwood-Brown, Theo McMenamin and Ben Steele - were absolutely the epitome of a set of "football-lovin, 'meat-eatin', jockitchin', channel-flippin', belchin', burpin', scratchin', snoring" guys

Ben Steele's solo number, I Love the Girl I'm Near, following straight on from his performance as Billy Liar, was delivered with confidence and humour and every inch the womanising lothario he was playing.

I remembered him from The Boy Who Fell into a Book and think he is definitely one of Dover's future stars.

Your Timeless To Me from Hairspray was fantastic – Luke Breen as Wilbir was excellent, but he was upstaged by Theo McMenamin as Edna.

Most lads of his age and size would not be willing to don a long red dress and bright pink wig – but he did, and carried the scene in classic comedic style. Another star in the making.

Of the girls' numbers, the best moments were Georgia Graham and Charlotte McPhail's haunting rendition of Some Things Are Meant To Be. It was a tear-jerkingly beautiful and surprisingly mature presentation from these two voungsters.

Georgia's solo number To Keep My Love Alive was delivered with much self-assurance and wit - a very funny piece about a woman who murders her husbands to keep things fresh, and she managed to carry it off stylishly.

Megan Stevenson was fantastic as Mrs Lovett singing By The Sea from Sweeney Todd. What a rich and powerful, yet beautiful, voice she has – vet another star of the future. without a doubt.

The girls' presentation of Anything Goes was flawless and contained some dazzling tap-dancing from five of them, in particular.

Another number everyone knows and compares with the original, but the girls did it justice.

All in all, a wonderful show, and directors Marie Kelly-Thomas, Michael Thomas and Andrew Freisner certainly mined a rich vein of talent from these 25 youngsters.

Dover should be very proud to have such gifted and artistic young people to entertain them.

Rob Green

City should put brake on its parking costs

I have to ask: why does Canterbury City Council have to be so greedy regarding vehicle parking? Even the handful of spaces near the prison and further up the hill have been made pay zones.

Other parking areas have had their times extensively increased.

If bank holiday parking was free, they wouldn't have to pay wardens extra (or time off in lieu), while a park-and-ride is not practical for all.

This council actively discourages local and more distant motorists. Perhaps this is deliberate because there are too many visitors.

In my opinion this moneygrabbing outfit has more money than good and ought to consider the hard-pressed motorist (humans and their families) just for a change. I say shame on Canterbury City

At least Deal is considering a fairer deal at long last.

David Kane

Great read keeps me coming back for more

As a frequent visitor to Kent, I cannot wait to read KOS Media's excellent free newspapers. I have just found the latest addition. Yourdeal, and what a great deal!

I also enjoy Yourdover and Yourshepway, both full of interesting, local news and controversial matters such as car-parking charges, closure of public toilets, port privatisation, empty shops, not to mention councillors' and MPs' expenses.

Yes indeed, just like home in Bromley!

However, the people of Kent live and work in the Garden of England and improved transport links, not to mention leisure parks and art galleries, make it a county to visit again and again and eventually I hope to live in a town on the magical Kent coast.

Thank you KOS Media for doing Kent proud, keep up the good work.

John Gamet



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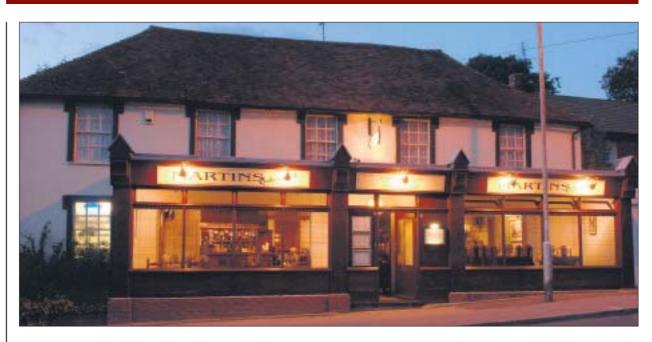
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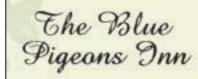
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FOR almost 40 years, 10cc 10cc has been entertaining audiences all over the world with its music.

The band became a real chart force during the 70s, releasing hits that still receive frequent airplay today, such as Dreadlock Holiday and the perennial favourite I'm Not In Love. Thanks to the enduring popularity of their songs and the ready availability of their music on the internet, 10cc is continuing to win new fans and has never really been off the road.

Frontman Graham Gouldman is a gifted songwriter who developed a love of music when he was just a small child. Just as he was beginning to listen to the radio, the airwaves were carrying the new sounds of skif-fle and rock'n'roll and Gouldman still feels the influence of artists like the Beatles today.

He played in a number of bands in

the Manchester area from the early 60s onwards and wrote his first top 10 hit, For Your Love, at the age of just 19. However, he did not get to step into the limelight just yet - the Various venues, various dates

song was actually recorded by the Yardbirds. At that time Gouldman was a member of the Mockingbirds, which had landed a regular spot as a warm-up act for Top of the Pops. So Gouldman had to stand by and watch the audience go wild for the Yardbirds when they came on to sing

By the time he formed 10cc in 1970 with singer-guitarist Eric Stewart and multi-instrumentalists Kevin Godley and Lol Creme, Gouldman had also written hits for the Hollies, Herman's Hermits and Jeff Beck. The band started out as a session group called Hotlegs and enjoyed a surprise hit with Neanderthal Man, before signing to Jonathan King's UK Records label and changing their name to 10cc, inspired by a male bodily function.

The follow-up, Rubber Bullets, topped the chart and really launched 10cc as a pop force to be reckoned with, though success in the US was elusive until 1975 when unconventional ballad I'm Not In Love went to number two in the American charts.

Following the departure of Godley and Creme in 1976, Gouldman and Stewart carried on as a duo until 1984. Gouldman then teamed up with Andrew Gold to form Wax, their most memorable hit being Bridge To Your Heart, and 10cc members reunited in the early 90s to record the album Meanwhile...

Now the band is in the middle of a mammoth 94-date tour, encompassing five countries, and Kent fans will have the chance to see them perform when they visit the county in May.

The current line-up, led by Gould-man, comprises lead guitarist Rick Fenn, drummer Paul Burgess, Mick Wilson on percussion and guitar and Mike Stevens on keyboards, guitar and saxophone.

10cc will be performing at the Central Theatre in Chatham on Saturday; the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, on Friday, May 8, and the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, May 21.



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Children from Julia's Dance School will join world-class dancers to perform two pieces from The Nutcracker – the Chinese Dance and the Russian Trepak. There will also be a performance of the Merliton Dance and a few surprises during this gala evening.

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Born in Swansea in 1965, Brydon studied acting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before joining BBC Wales as a radio and television presenter. With his versatile voice, he soon found work as a voiceover artist after moving to London and began to



appear in television shows such as Barbara, The Healer and Lord of Misrule.

His big screen career has included roles in First Knight, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and Martha, Meet Frank, Daniel and Laurence. But he is best-known for his hilarious

and sometimes poignant turns in Marion & Geoff, Human Remains and Gavin & Stacey.

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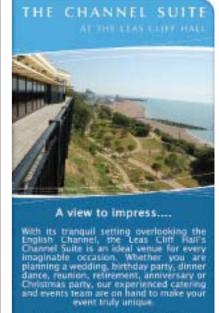
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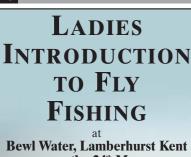
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It's a funny road making it in Hollywood for Anna

BY ELLIE GENOWER

ANNA Faris may be fast becoming famous as one of the funniest ladies in Hollywood, but the bubbly blonde actress says she wasn't always known for her comic touch.

"I had been in local theatres - all dramatic and never thought of myself as a comedian in any form," she says of her early acting experiences.

"In fact nobody did - nobody thought I was funny at all."

So it's funny now that Anna, who stars alongside Seth Rogen in the new dark comedy Observe And Report, is bucking the current trend towards male-heavy 'bromances' or buddy movies.

"There's an audience for female-driven comedy and I'm hoping to produce and create some more stuff," the 32-year-old says.

"It's fun to play with the boys a little bit in Observe And Report though."
Observe And Report sees Anna play a

department store make-up girl who is the object of security guard Ronnie's infatuation. Ronnie, a delusional and misguided dreamer played by Seth Rogen, spends much of the film trying to catch the mall's elusive pervert.

At the same time, he tries his best to join the police force and woo Brandi, the woman of his dreams, who he doesn't realise is actually a rather mean, selfish character.

"I was really happy, because it's very rare that you come across a character that's so offensive and awful. It's like taking a bite of a juicy apple, but naughty," Anna says.

"It's really fun for me to play a character that makes no apologies for herself. She's definitely the worst character I've ever played. She's selfish, rude, catty, bitchy, dopey and tacky."

But Observe And Report isn't just your aver-



BUBBLY: Anna Faris stars in Observe and Report

age Hollywood comedy. Its plot takes humour to some pretty dark places and Anna confesses she has a few worries about her parents watching a particularly drunken love scene between Brandi and Ronnie.

"I told them they needed to drink a bunch of wine, at least three bottles, before seeing the movie so maybe they would pass out before they got to the love making scenarios!" she says.

However, the tougher scenes were made easier by her "awesome" co-star Seth Rogen.

Seth returns the compliment, describing Anna's performance in Observe And Report as

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"the type of performance I don't think a lot of women would do".

It's all a long way from Anna's roots in Seattle where she grew up with "pretty conservative" parents. She cut her acting chops on small productions before landing a part in the first Scary Movie. Subsequent memorable roles in the likes of Friends and Lost In Translation led to the lead role in House Bunny, which she also produced.

But despite the call of stardom, she has managed to keep much of her personal life out of the tabloids, largely staying off the paparazzi radar.

"I lead such a boring life," she says.

"Nobody pays attention. If somebody does take my picture, I'm eating a burrito in my sweats and my mouth is open. I'm kind of a disgusting, boring person."

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It's fun and laughter away at sea

BY MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY

YOU'RE joking! That was my reaction when I was invited to learn the art of cracking jokes on a comedy cruise sailing from Nice to Menorca in the Mediterranean.

And so I found myself on-stage aboard the good ship Island Star, trying to make 350 people laugh.

To say I was terrified would be the understatement of the decade

statement of the decade.

Earlier in the day, for the cost of a fiver, I had taken a comedy 'master class' with instructor Miles Crawford, from the comedy group Jongleurs.

Before I braved the spotlight, Miles told me how to engage the audience, how to present myself and my material... and, above all, delivery.

So, in trembling tones, I delivered my short joke: "I was driving in Ireland from Cork to Donegal. I was very tired and stopped at a small hotel. I knocked on the door. A yawning night-porter came to the door.

"I asked if he had a room. No trouble at all,' he said. You wouldn't happen to have a room with a bath?' I asked. That's no trouble either,' said the porter.

"He pulled down a key and said 'You're in room number seven, sir... and the room with the bath is at the end of the corridor."

Laughter, applause! I was made! I introduced the next act and exited left.

I had flown to Pisa to join the Island Star in the middle of a Mediterranean cruise. Formerly called Horizon, with 10 decks and 753 comfortable cabins for 1,875 passengers tended by 573 crew, this impressive ship will be joining the Celebrity Cruises fleet during 2009.



JOKES AHOY: Onboard the comedy cruise ship Island Star, travelling from Nice to Menorca in the Mediterranean

It follows the merger of First Choice with Thomson within the TUI travel giant.

The Island brand stands for casual cruising, with a slogan of "relaxed, informal and friendly". Guided bike tours are another innovation. Some of my fellow passengers had survived a bike ride into Rome through its snarling, chaotic traffic. They were therefore well

chaotic traffic. They were therefore well equipped for the relatively calm bike tour I took after we docked in the beautiful port of Mahon in Menorca.

We set off on well-equipped mountain bikes with what seemed like dozens of gears. I struggled up the first hill and enjoyed a quiet ride out into the country.

Our ultimate goal, after more muscle-aching hills, was the beautiful beach of Binibeca, where I had a swim and bewailed my increasing saddle-soreness, and finally made it back to the ship exhausted after a 24-mile ride.

At dinner I was recognised by some of the

passengers – the result of the comedy night. I was a celebrity! Then I saw they were laughing again – at my bandy-legged, saddle-sore walk.

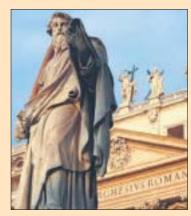
That night I enjoyed a gourmet dinner in the elegant Oasis restaurant. There are also seven bars, ranging from The Pub, which is as its name sounds, to the quieter, wood-panelled Captain's Club.

The Oasis is the only restaurant on the ship where people dress for dinner and costs extra, as did the slightly less formal Steak House; the other restaurants are free.

And what of my fellow passengers? Relaxed, friendly and informal, as indicated by the slogan of the ship.

If any of us had wished to get married on board, it would have been no problem at all – nor would special anniversary and birthday celebrations... even a renewal of wedding vows. But I was happy to stick to the jokes.

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- Michael O'Flaherty was a guest of Island Cruises, which offers seven-night Western Mediterranean fly-cruises out of Palma, Majorca, from March 31, 2009, from £649, calling at Olbia (Sardinia), Civitavecchia (Rome), Livorno (Florence/Pisa), Villefranche (France) and Mahon (Menorca). Price is based on two adults sharing inside cabin on Aqua deck and includes return flights and transfers.
- Guided bike tours cost £29, except a full day in Rome, which is £49.
- Although Michael O'Flaherty's comedy master class with Jongleurs cost only £5, it sadly won't be available in 2009 – although Island Escape will carry professional comedians to entertain passengers through summer 2009.
- Island Escape enquiries: 0127 362 7843 and www.islandcruises.com.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



IT'S been a showcase for the most annoying young people in the country to talk their way into everyone's bad books, so it is probably for the best that The Speaker is coming to an end.

There have been a few good performers, but by and large this has been a bit pointless and it's hard to imagine that anyone out there has really been enthralled by the search especially as so many of the more interesting contestants were given their cards early on.

In tonight's final the last three young orators meet up with Obi Wan Kenobi, or Ewan McGregor as he's more commonly known in a galaxy closer to home.

The actor travels to Malawi with them to look at children's rights, which is bad news for him as he'll be stuck in another country with the gobby, opinionated little tykes

On their return to Blighty they will let their tonsils loose once again to see who can deliver some kind of mesmerising piece of speech to judges comic Jo Brand, ex-basketballer John Amaechi and Jeremy Stockwell - you know, the luvvie with the beret.

Expect mentors Alastair Campbell, Deborah Meaden, Earl Spencer and Kate Silverton to offer a few last pearls of wisdom – you'd hope some of which might actually just be "shhhhhhhhhh!".

So who will claim the title of Britain's best young speaker and, futhermore, will anyone even care?

Taking boredom to new levels are orange Peter Andre and the even oranger Katie Price, who are currently



TALK IS CHEAP: Jeremy Stockwell, Jo Brand and John Amaechi, the judges on The Speaker

starring in their umpteenth own reality show. It's interesting only if to see what is happening to Jordan's sorry, Katie's - face.

Her mug is starting to veer into Leslie Ash territory with a 'trout pout' that is verging on the utterly ridiculous.

It's the only interesting thing here. Whether it's Peter having trouble with the barbecue, or the couple quarrelling about the decorating, no subject seems too banal for inclusion.

Maybe the next series will be called Katie And Peter Walk The Dogs or Katie And Peter Get Root Canal.

Every moment is memorexed with no miniscule or pointless exchange too stupid from which to escape.

It really makes you wonder if this was the good stuff, what was left on the cutting-room floor?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) MAKING your home more comfortable should be your first priority. Usually you don't place much emphasis on material goods, but taking the time to decorate your place with comfy furnishings, attractive artwork and delectable food helps

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vour escapist side.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) UPDATING your look will give you a new lease on life. Spend some time looking through magazines for a new hairstyle. Alternately, you might want to add some fashionable items to your wardrobe. Take care to choose colours and cuts that look good on you.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) TAKING charge of your life is essential. Lately, you've been giving a loved one too much control over your decisions. Asserting your authority could put a temporary strain on your relationship, but don't worry. The old affection that first drew you together will resurface

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) A NEW affinity is possible with a business or romantic partner. The two of you need to be more honest in your communications in order to avoid the misunderstandings that pushed you apart in the past. Signing a contract or entering into a commercial alliance is also possible.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) THIS promises to be a very busy week for you. If you're going to maintain your sanity, you need to draw some strict boundaries. Above all, devote a few minutes each day to your own amusement. A few simple measures like these helps you to meet all of your varied obligations.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) PAY careful attention to your dreams - they are trying to tell you something. Devoting more time to spiritual pursuits is essential to your happiness. If that means slowing down your social life, so be it. It's hard to think when you are always surrounded by people.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) DEVOTING more time to intellectual pursuits will boost your spirits. Lately, you've been bogged down in mundane matters. Focusing on paying your bills and running errands has taken all the joy out of life. Give yourself permission to take an uncharted course.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) THIS is the best time of the year to get a new job. Opportunities in property, food and landscaping are especially viable. If you've been longing to get in shape, launch an exercise regimen. Once vou build muscle, vou'll shed pounds. Varying your routine is critical to maintaining it.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) TURN over a new leaf as far as money is concerned. Getting more value for your hardearned cash is essential. These days you can do price comparisons very easily. If you can get it for less, do. It's also possible to get a raise so approach your boss with a list of accomplishments.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) SPENDING time with friends will be great. It's been a long time since you were able to let your hair down with people you trust. If you've fallen out of touch with your nearest and dearest make a few phone calls. Your prolonged absence may have hurt some feelings.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) SPARKS may be flying between you and someone close and it could be harder than you think to keep your feelings under control. Paying off a debt could finally become possible, too. By getting your bills out of the way you'll attain the financial freedom you've always desired.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) AT long last you're finally able to relax and unwind. Whether you take a vacation or just devote more time to your

favourite activities doesn't matter. The important thing is to put work on the back burner. This can be difficult for a person like you, but give it a try anyway.

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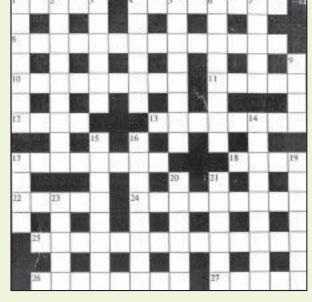
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14 Formerly (9)

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PROPERTY NEWS

Rise in unemployment prompts rent warning

LANDLORDS are being urged to find ways to ensure they receive their rent as the jobs market is so precarious.

Property website Smartlandlord.co.uk advised those renting out homes to be extra cautious after it released figures showing an increasing number of unemployed people were renting.

A year ago only 3.1 per cent of new tenants renting private property were unemployed but that figure has risen to 7.8 per cent.

Keshav Thukaram, managing director of Smartlandlord, said: "With the social housing sector ill-equipped to cope with the extra demand, private landlords are increasingly being called upon to take in unemployed people on benefit.

"There is evidence that some landlords are suffering because benefits aren't being paid on time, so landlords taking this route must ensure they know their rights, and apply to have the rent paid directly by the council if they experience problems."

The numbers of self-employed and retired tenants have also risen. Mr Thukaram urged landlords to run checks on new tenants, but also to ensure rents are secure should their tenants' financial circumstances change.

Negative equity is back but burden is shared

RESEARCH by the Council of Mortgage Lenders shows negative equity – where a home is worth less than its mortgage – has become an increasing problem because of falling house prices.

However, the group added that two thirds of those with negative equity were experiencing only "modest shortfalls" of ten per cent or less, and the scale of the issue needs to be kept in perspective, as home-owners still have about £2.1 trillion of unmortgaged housing equity.

Bob Pannell, the council's head of research, said: "Although negative equity has resurfaced as house prices have fallen, one big difference from the early 1990s downturn is that it is less concentrated among young, first-time buyers, and more evenly spread across wider age groups and those at different points on the housing ladder."

At the bottom of the last housing market recession in 1993, 1.5 million households were in negative equity.

The council said today's borrowers were following the pattern seen in the 1990s and choosing to stay put, waiting to recover their equity position.



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Agent groups attack Budget for failing to tackle market needs

BY NICK AMES

THE Budget for the next financial year has come under fire from two influential groups for not doing enough to help lift the property market out of the slump.

The Association of Residential Letting Agents (Arla) attacked Chancellor Alistair Darling's Budget, announced in the Commons last week, calling it "wholly unsatisfactory" for having failed to give incentives for landlords to improve rental housing for a growing number of tenants.

And the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) said the policies put forward were ineffectual and would do nothing to help the economy recover.

It wanted more to be done to encourage firsttime buyers on to the housing ladder to get the market going again.

Ian Potter, operations manager of Arla, said: "Alistair Darling had a clear opportunity to improve the bottom end of the rental market and chose to maintain the status quo for Britain's worse-off tenants.

"Yet again Gordon Brown's administration has wasted an opportunity to improve the quality of stock of lettings property by failing to incentivise landlords through tax relief on labour and materials.

"Not only would this have helped to stimulate the market, particularly in the construction sector, but it would also have provided the greater standards of rented accommodation that this country desperately needs.

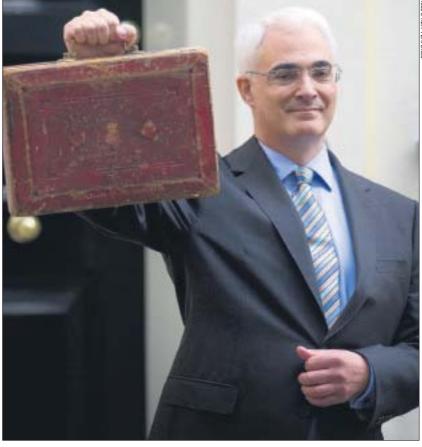
"Landlords should be recognised for what they bring not only to the housing market but to the wider economy and treated as any other responsible business."

In its Budget submission, Arla also called on the Government to introduce capital allowances for landlords improving housing stock over a certain age.

A second attack came from the influential estate agents' group who said there was no help for those trying to get on the housing ladder.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of NAEA, said: "The housing market is the engine of the UK economy and it is likely that this Budget will be remembered as largely ineffectual, given the magnitude of the problem.

"There is very little here for first-time buy-



MONEY BOX: Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling outside 11 Downing Street on Budget day

ers, who need more encouragement to climb on to the property ladder which will get everything moving.

"Mr Darling has used a water pistol to try to put out a fire."

Mr Bolton King also attacked the extension of the £175,000 stamp duty land tax threshold as not going far enough to make any significant impact

He said: "Merely extending the stamp duty threshold is disappointing. Mr Darling had a real opportunity to get rid of this hated tax, which is seen by many as a tax on aspiration.

"Since the threshold was introduced last autumn it has helped just one third of firsttime buyers.

"In this difficult economic time, Mr Darling could have seized the opportunity to encourage first-time buyers to the market and to send a signal of confidence that may have reverberated around the economy.

"Instead he has tried to choose a path to please everyone, which I suspect will please no one."

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smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 (
MEND A BROKEN HEART Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurl in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **①**

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WOMEN seeking men

TAKE ME FOR WHO I AM

Hi I'm Sam, 22, looking for a relationship. I'm blonde, have brown eyes, love cosy nights in and cinema, looking to share a relationship. Box 447871

447871 **●**SWEET DEBS

Hopeful, happy, shy girl, 22, loves all the normal stuff about life, searching for a mature guy, 24-39, for loving friendship and happiness. Box 880373

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Lovely single mum, 29, cuddly and
curvy, 5ft6, blonde and blue-eyed, like
a drink, animats, reading, cinema,
looking for honest, trustworthy and
caring male. Box 451249

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MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **① GETTING TO KNOW YOU...**

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756 GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE
Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 44847¹

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Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyally for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004

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FOR HER GAVIN
Slim, blue eyed beauty, 31, Tunbridge
Wells, loving, caring, very genuine.
Wanting someone to cuddle up with at
night and have lots of laughs with.
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Easy-going black female, 32, medium
build, likes football, cooking and
socialising, looking for a non-smoking,
loving and carring white male, 25-48.
Eastbourne Box 449294 ⊕
HAPPY SHOPPERI
Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, lootball, eating out, cosy night in,
WLTM loving, caring white male, 3547, for long-term, loving relationship.
No time-wasters. Box 444214 ⊕
CARING, CONSIDERATE,
HOPEFULLY YOURS
Lovely young lady, 33, 5181, cuddly
larger build, single mum, seeking kind,
caring, honest and genuine man for
furnifiendship...hopefully more. Box
450371 ⊕
HORSES FOR COURSES...

male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915 **①**LOOKING FOR
A LOVING CHAP
Ashford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985 **①**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Good looking woman 37, 5ft2 howen HORSES FOR COURSES...

HORSES FOR COURSES...
Caring, loving, affectionate fernale, 30, 52", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship.
Box 384013 CHATHAM UP!

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

● ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE
37yr lold female, 2 kids, slim, brown
hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male
to be my someone special. Box
446552 HISTORIC MEETING? CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5fl9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402

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FIT FOR FUN
Pettle, dark-haired girl, 33, 5tt, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

HAPPY DAYS!
Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 54″, size 12, dark hair with blonde high-lights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turbridge Wells. Box 308734

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I like reading/writing, going out, music.
Seeking kind, genuine, honest chap;
I'm a 40yr old woman who enjoys the
simple things in life. Box 44654 ②
YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 389 rold female, dark brown

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walks, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship, relationship, Box 901893 **@**JOINED AT THE HIP

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JOINED AT THE HIP Sociable petite girl, great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inspatible partnership. Box 88043 € SOUND GOOD? SOUND GOOD? Hedium build brunette, 40, 5ft7, single murn, enjoy bowling and water-sports, looking for a tall, non-smoking, white male for a stable and affectionate relationship. Box 450658 € A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE LOVely, diossy brunette, 39yr old.

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

for a relationship. Box 442551 **⊕** A HEART FULL OF LOVE
Nice looking, 41yr old mixed race
female, likes cinema, walks, eating
out, bowling, WLTM a genuine white
male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/felationship. Box 450990 **⊕** Q
WHERE LOVE TAKES US
Attractive woman great personality to

Attractive woman, great personality to go with, looking to meet a fit, tall, well-built black male, 35-55, for fun times, hopefully remease. pefully romance. Box 450650 🕡

hopefully romance. Box 450650 A FAIRY TALE ENDING Easygoing blonde animal lover, 41, easygoing, tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema, pubs, looking for loyal, caring, funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 TOTALING

funny man, 35-45. Box 4510/9 FANCY A DRINK? Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTM funloving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

nappens. Box 448107 ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5f1, enjoys dining out, cinema, dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possibl romance, fun times. Box 444796 LIFE IS GIVING LOVE A 24467

LOVE A GUARANTEE

Down-to-earth lady, 42, sincere, honest and reliable, looking for a male for friendship first, going out, enjoying evenings and perhaps something more later on. Box 449712 ①

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COSY TIMES TOGETHER
Tun-loving lemale, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, fav-elling and a nice evening cuddled up.
Box 881545 ♥
LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5110, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship.
Box 450346 ₱
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INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 54", bubbly,
independent woman, love to laugh,
socialising with friends, looking for
independent man with ovalues TLC.
Box 414156
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large
build, blue/green eyes, grown up children,
beach walks, relaxing, reading,
winnine seeks sincere male walks.

wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 COME ON DOWN!

COME ON DOWN!
Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, silm, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising, seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 822693 ©
LOVING IT LARGE
Spiritual 44/r old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTM a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR.
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Understanding, carrie freale, 45,
5144, medium build, brown hair, likes
cinema, animals, music, romantic
pubs, seeking male for cuddles, hugs
and more. Box 444473
■ SOUND GOOD?
Hi Im Lynne 46, 5144, dark hair/eyes,
love reading/writing, oging out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and morel Box 449186
IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE 0 FIT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 515,

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box

444366 **①**BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER BLE MY FRIEND AND LOVER Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 ALL THAT I NEED Young-looking size after the cooking and the cooking and the cooking are the cooking are the cooking and the cooking are the co

ALL THAT I MEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female
48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH,
love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50.
Aylesford. Box 428833

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Help me write my stand-up comedy
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observational comedy to make the
grade. Box 892640

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Lively bubbly lady, 52, brown hair
blue eyes, 5f17, medium build, likes
travel and walks, documentaries,
films, seeking male with GSOH for
fun-loving relationship. Box 451255

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blond hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests.

A COMPANION FOR LIFE? A COMPANION FOR LIFE?
Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium buid, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449
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HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO Londoner new to the area, 57, 5fl5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587 TAKE ME BY THE HAND HI I'm a 57yr old woman, likes cinema, theatre, walking, reading, looking for a genuine, honest man who will make me laugh. Maidstone Box 450098 TAKE MERO HAND HI I'm a 57yr old woman, likes cinema, theatre, walking, reading, looking for a genuine, honest man who will make me laugh. Maidstone Box 450098

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SOMETHING NEW
Caring female with GSOH, 58, 5ft2, brown hair/eys, likes beach walks, theatre, holidays and music; WLTM male with GSOH, genuine, for friendship, maybe more. Eastbourne. Box 447662

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Blonde lady, 59, outgoing, caring,
friendly, looking for male 40s -60s for
friendship and fun times. Ideal man,
dark hair and eyes and younger. Box
449896
ROMANTIC MALE WANTED!

Interests: theatre, music, gardening, cooking, walks. I'm a tactile, loving female, considerate, with a GSOH, 59, 5ft2, dark hair/blue eyes and WLTM romantic, non-smoking gent. Box 450420 ①

DREAMS OF YOU DREAMS OF YOU
Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim &
young looking, looking for a loyal,
considerate, N/S male for long term
relationship. Box 448566

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WALKS ALONG THE COAST

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Honest & incree female, 58, tall
GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts,
cinema, seeking a man who's a
match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441 f622 €
Funt-to-be with, happy, contented
lady, 60, 5f14, 1 enjoy theatre, dining
out and having friends round for a
meal, gardening and pets. Box
882812 € €
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SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

LAUGH WITH...
Loving lady looking for companion-ship, 83, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 @ LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/acting, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, un-complicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 434345

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR
Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 72,
own house, GSOH, lives on coast,
enjoys most things, WLTM smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more.
Box 438147 Women

seeking women

IT'S WHAT'S
INSIDE THAT COUNTS
I'm a 26yr old female, looking for new
friends and maybe that special
girl...let's have a meal and a drink. and see what happens! Box 448722 FUN AND MAYBE MORE

FUN AND MAYBE MORE Hill may, new to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564 FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE Femiling warman generating safety.

Feminine woman, easygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTM boyish female. Box 448248



MEN seeking women

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Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark
hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays
harderl likes going/eating out, walks,
pubs, loves life, seeking happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

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ALL I WANT IS YOU

3Syr old male, 5ft4, medium build, likes animals, films, arts and historical sites, WLTM lemale, similar interests, for friendship, hopefully spend Christmas logether. Box 446112

BOTTLE OF WINE

HI there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

NOTHING TO LOSE

Attractive single father, 35, 5ft7,

NOTHING TO LOSE
Attractive single father, 35, 5ft7, brown eyes, medium build, laid-back looking for someone similar to enjoy films, socialising and hopefully love...
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EXPERIENCE MATTERS

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Down-to-earth sincere and intelligent
guy, 36, looking for mature lady for
friendship and possible relationship.
Box 451231 GV

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 3879 old, 6fl3, dark hair,
like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of
interest, sports and reading, WLTM a
woman for friendship and romance.
Box 889720 GP

THE GOOD LIFE
Blonde male, 37, 5fl9, love golf, don't
mind a beer, WLTM an open-minded
female for good times, maybe a relationship. Box 450544 GP

TIME'S ON OUR SIDE!

Adventure, 38, medium build, 5fl8,

TIME'S ON OUR SIDE!

Adventurer, 38 medium build, 5ft8, love my motorbikes and cars, gigs and especially road frige! Looking for female 30-40 who's outgoing, for fun and friendship. Box 450333

STICK WITH YOU

Altentive 39y rold male, looking for a special lady to slowly re-discover all the finer finings in life with. Box 450339

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LOOKING FOR A BIKER LADY!

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Interests: music, bikes, cars, travel,
cosy nights in. I'm male, 38, kind,
genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 518,
slim, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTM
genuine, biker lady, Box 451302 0
DOWN BY THE BEACH
H I'm Kevin, 37, 61ft, medium build,
loves oinema, music, walks and the
sea, seeking similar girl to find love
with. Box 449844 0
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Sea, seeking similar with Box 49984 10 Q ADAM SEEKS EVE Hi I'm Adam, 38, 5ft7, into fitness, fun and games, looking for someone to go out with and share great times. Box 449986 Q HAVE FAITH

HAVE FAITH
Loving caring, generous spiritual
man, 39, 61, black hair blue eyes,
loves reading and science, looking for
a woman to have a good relationship
with. Box 451189 €
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BUT MUCH LOVE
II, 40yr old Hun-loving male, looking
to meet slim fun-loving female, looks
unimportant, for hopeful LTR. Many
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Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium build, dark hair/brown eyes, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking for a girl, same interests, 20-33, for friendship/romance. Hastings Box 450613

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seek ing similar woman to boogle on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light greer eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436696 **①** ETERNAL FLAME

Box 450339 • P

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I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5ft8, short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football!

Brighton. Box 450614 • P

travelling, eating in/out, hale tootball Brightnin. Box 450614 **W**ON THE WINGS OF LOVE Genuine, upbeat, comical male, 42, handsome, charming, likes sports, keeping tirm, making new discoveries, seeks beautiful lady of inside and out for love. Pevensey. Box 450622 **W**MY HEART WILL GO ON Attractive, mixed race male, 41, 510°, likes chatting, travel and music, looking for a female for fun, friendship and more. Box 880452 **W**LONG TERM THING Caring, romartic, loyal guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium, fair hair/blue eyes. I have a 6SOH and I'm looking for a woman, aged 30-45, with similar nature. Box 451334 **W**DON'T FORGET THIS ONE!

DON'T FORGET THIS ONE! DON'T FORGET THIS ONE: Hi, I'm Steve, 40s, 6ft2, musculabuild, likes pubs/clubs and sport, WLTM a female, 40-46, for an everlasting relationship. Box 445541 SEEKING SNOW WHITE Bashful male, 44, medium build,

Bashful male, 44, medium build, enjoys pubs, eating out/in, the out-doors, walks, picnics. Looking for a lady who likes going out. Box 450402

BORN TO MAKE YOU HAPPY Down-to-earth guy, 44, 5ft9, blue eyes, average build, open-minded and easy-going, likes sun bathing, seeking a girl with similar interests. Box 450974

IN LOVE
Single 50s male looking for lady for loving friendship. I'm honest, sincere, genuine and love a laugh, hoping for lasting romance. Box 451188
MUSCLE MUSCLE MAN

Muscular mid 40s black guy, 5ft11, great SOH, WLTM attractive slim build white female with GSOH, for loving encounters and uncomplicated relationship. Box 450056 tionship. Box 450058 DON'T THINK TWICE

DON'T THINK TWICE
II 'I'm Mick, 43, dark brown hair/eyes,
N/S, likes cooking, walking & life in
general, looking for someone to enjoy
life with. Box 45 1087

TAKING LIFE BY THE HORNS
Spontaneous guy, 46, 6ft, blonde,
blue eyes, likes country pubs, cinemas, walls, the gym, forse-racing,
theatre and more, looking for similar
happy-go-lucky gril. Box 450728

HURT IN THE PAST
II, I'm a relawed, outgoing guy, 45,

HURT IN THE PAST HI, I'm a relaxed, outgoing guy, 45, medium build, WLTM a fun-filled female to share nice evenings out and good conversations. Box 42/276
■ NEW BEGINNING
Sincere genuine man, 47, 5fl9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out. Eastbourne. Box 449554
② ②

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0906 753 3093

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664

HOPEFULLY SOMETHING SPECIAL

SOMETHING SPECIAL
Friendly guy, 49, 6ft, average build,
dark hair, brown eyes, loves cars and
shows, drinks in pubs, walks, beaches, countryside; seeking lady to laugh
with. Box 449834 0
CHILD LOVER ESSENTIAL
Single dad, with a 12yr old son. I'm
49 and enjoy sopt, eating out, cinema, music. Looking for a tamily orientated woman. aned 36-46.

HERE TO BE WITH YOU

Genuine, kind, affectionate male, 61, slim-medium build, 5ff11, fully domesticated! Enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, country pubs; looking for my soulmate. Box 446624

seeking men

Seeking men ARE YOU INTERESTED? Good guy, looking for male, 35-50. I'm 40, green eyes, dark hair, average build. I enjoy pubs, music, cinema, dining in/out. Box 436613 FUNLOVING Wew-to-town male, 41, 5ft10, looking for a gay or bi male, 30-55, for friend-ship, romance, hopefully a LTR. Box 450637 A BRIGHTER FUTURE Solvent, professional 41yr old male, enjoys eating out, films and keeping fit, WLTM a younger male for fun, friendship and hopefully love. Box 444725 WEENT TO BE? Trustworthy, honest guy, 55, romantic, medium built loves cingma male.

MEANT TO BE?
Trustworthy, honest guy, 55, romantic, medium built, loves cinema, meals, drinks and other things, looking for relationship and TLC in Margate...

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PUT THE SPICE BACK IN!

Subar binded woman. Box 451307

WHO KNOWS?

Loyal honest guy, 56, 5t1t0, slim
build, short fair hair, enjoys life and
moloroycling; seeking humorous lady
with genuine nature for love. Box
448072

VERY LOVING GUY

Shy laid-back male, 56, 6ft2, quiet,
likes walking my dog, gardening, films
and more, seeking female to meet
and get to know. Box 448977

WILL GET TO YOU

If there I'm fainal 58, down-to-earth,
no ties, looking for someone kind,
friendly, looks unimportant but personality a must. Box 449709

HOPELES ROMANTIC

Young 58yr old man, 5ft7, blue eyes,
fair hair. lenjor oltus, push, the
coast, salling, comedy. WLTM
woman, 40-60, with GSOH. Box
451320

A GENUINE GUY

88 year old male, 5'4 tall, smoker
looking for friendship with lady of similar age, preferably slim with a sense
of humour, Dover area. Box 880484

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MOTORS NEWS



VW dealer defies motor sales trend on used cars

BEADLES VW of Maidstone has bucked the economic trend by boosting used car sales 32 per cent in 2009's tricky first quarter. Sales overall are up six per cent too against early 2008.

Keith Dowle, brand manager at the Quarry Wood site, attributed the sales team's (pictured) success in challenging times to pricing plus strong branding and residual values. He said the showroom had also been praised for customer service, monitored using mystery shopper and customer satisfaction surveys.



Barretts Jaguar is the tops with customers

BARRETTS Jaguar of Canterbury has taken the number one slot in Jaguar UK's customer loyalty and satisfaction award.

Key factors included good customer relationships, ensuring cars were delivered on time and dealing with any subsequent needs professionally and efficiently. Accepting the 2008 award at a ceremo-

ny in Vienna, sales manager Jon Mason (pictured left with Jaguar UK sales director David Lewis) said: "Here at Barretts Jaguar we have always been proud of going that extra mile.



Meaner and leaner, the new Freelander arrives

LAND Rover's most fuel-efficient vehicle ever is now available at Barretts, Ashford.

Dealer principal Mark Nicholas, said there had been eager anticipation of the new Freelander 2 TD4e with stop-start, which cuts the engine to avoid unnecessary fuel use and emissions when stopped

and then smoothly restarts it when needed, saving some 20 per cent fuel in traffic.

Mr Nicholas said: "Sophisticated controls ensure the Stop/Start system does not compromise the needs of either the driver or the dynamics of the vehicle."



TOUGH LOVE: Keenly priced and racy-looking, the estate version of the Kia Ceed SW looks impressive against the more conventional-looking Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf

Family workhorse comes with thoroughbred appeal

LOOKING for a family workhorse and can't stand the idea of an MPV? Here's a no-brainer option – the Kia Ceed SW.

It's a keenly-priced, racy-looking estate version of the Korean marque's stylish, but slightly less dynamic, rival to the best-selling Ford Focus.

A £700 premium over the hatchback also brings the same unique seven-year/100,000mile warranty - perhaps even more important if you need to work your estate car hard.

Okay, that fastback styling might not look best for ultimate capacity in load lugging, but it adds 235mm onto the rear section of the hatch version and the tailgate hinges inboard to reduce the upswing and outswing - owners can stand closer to the car and access the boot in tighter spaces.

Boot and maximum load space with seats up is 534 litres - helped by excellent underfloor stowage bins - and 1,664 litres with rear seats folded, compared with 340 and 1,300 respectively for the hatchback Ceed. This makes the SW impressive against estates with more conventional looks too such as the Ford Focus

KIA CEED SW

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

(503 and 1546), Vauxhall Astra (470 and 1550) and new VW Golf Estate (505 and 1550).

Equally impressive is the 113bhp 1.6-litre diesel of our £15,545 LS-spec test car. It is a cracking all-rounder for a potentially hardworking estate car like this and can average nearly 60mpg. It is easily the best power option, though you can also have a 120bhp 1.6-litre petrol, 89bhp 1.6 diesel or 138bhp 2.0 diesel.

And you can forget about plasticky Korean interiors of the past with the intoxicating whiff of Airfix modelling glue; the Ceed range has been designed to be European and is churned out in a state-of-the-art plant in Slovakia with the fit, finish and touch of the interior matching Western standards and even includes an iPod/MP3 player connection that really does work... unlike some.

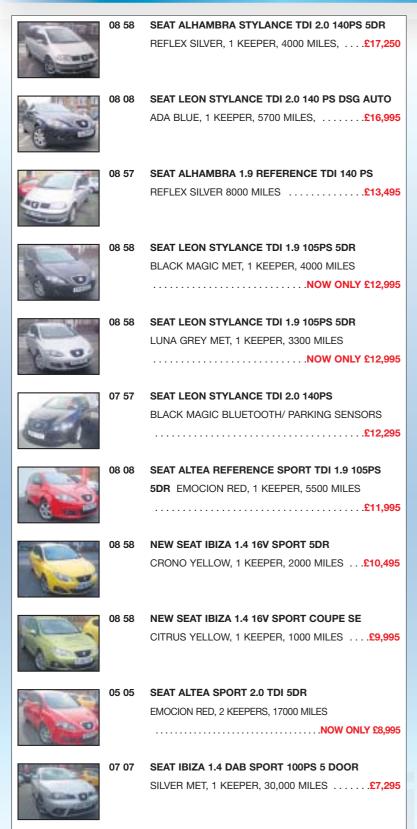
However, the Ceed's ride can be fidgety and

it feels vague when pushed hard on a winding road, though grip is good.

On the other hand, you should view the Ceed SW more as an unbreakable workhorse pitched against van-based MPVs and the likes of Skoda's Roomster and Vauxhall's Meriva, as well as Focus-class estates.
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BMW'S all-conquering 3-Series compact executive model is a top-ten seller in the UK. Its German rivals - the Mercedes C-Class and Audi A4 – are never far behind either, but you can buy status, quality and style elsewhere... and save money. The Lexus IS series is a good alternative, but we reckon there are better bargains in the current climate; check out these three distinctive offerings from different nations to suit various tastes, pockets and space requirements. Don't judge them at face value either, because a test drive tells the true story.

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Even Honda is unclear about that. There is no doubting Honda quality, but everyday models like the Jazz supermini – though a marvellous car – harm Honda's argument that the Accord deserves mention alongside the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is probably the car least likely to fail en route to a top-level meeting. The diesel's quiet and refined too and the previous generation estate is capacious.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

JAGUAR X-TYPE



IT was a slow burn for X-Type sales, highlighted by faltering residuals in the early days. Jag snobs didn't like it being derived from the front driven Mondeo, although Ford-owned Jaguar deflected this by offering the car in Audi-style all-wheel drive only at first. But the 'X' is reliable, drives well in all forms and the smooth diesels and a lovely estate (pictured) redeemed its status. However, used values have stumbled recently and there are serious bargains to be had.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

VOLVO S40



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OUR smallest contender here, and Volvo's best-ever junior model by far, the S40 shows all the benefits of belonging to the Ford empire while retaining its own Swedish style. It is built on a modified frontdriven Ford Focus chassis – nothing wrong there as it's one of the best for keen drivers - while the styling is pure Volvo, complete with scalloped rear wings and tail lights. Inside, is classic Scandinavian too: neat and well arranged, plus an innovative 'flying' centre console.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
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June date for next B2B exhibition at Ramada

BUSINESS Representation Solutions, a support service for business sales and marketing, is holding its next B2B business to business – exhibition on Wednesday, June 10, at the Ramada Hotel in Hollingbourne.

It's open to all business attendees free of charge. There is no membership fee or other obligation in attending the exhibition, which will start at 9.30am.

There will be a networking breakfast and lunch. To book a stand and for further information, phone 01322 278311, email info@busrepsol.co.uk, or visit www.busrepsol.co.uk.

Debt recovery strategy workshop by law firm

LAW firm Furley Page is running the second of its interactive workshops tomorrow (Thursday) aimed at helping businesses create a debt recovery strategy in the recession.

In partnership with Kent Invicta Chamber, the workshop - at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, Maidstone - will be part seminar, part question and answer session. It starts at 8.30am, with breakfast, finishes at 11.45am, and is open to members and non-members alike.

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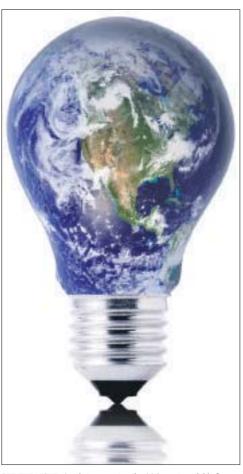
KENT Invicta Chamber of Commerce has compiled a one-stop-shop information source designed to direct companies to where help is available.

Chief executive Jo James said it had created a new section on its website at www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk.
This would allow businesses to find

what is on offer to help them through the recession, rebuild business plans to match circumstances and recover from problems.

The chamber covers Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge

Leaner and greener in brave new world



SEE THE LIGHT: Seeda is managing the £2.9m pot available for low-carbon initiatives aimed at cutting costs and boosting profits

A POT of £2.9 million is available through the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) for low-carbon initiatives that it reckons will help more than 3,000 regional businesses cut costs and boost profits.

Half the money is from the European Regional Development Fund, and the other half from Seeda, which is setting up programmes covering sustainability issues and the three Rs - reduction, reuse and recycling.

It's all part of a wider range of targets, including an 89,000-tonne reduction in the growth rate of carbon dioxide emissions, a £3.2 million boost to the region's economy and the creation of hundreds of

Oona Muirhead, Seeda's executive director for skills and sustainable prosperity, said: "In these difficult economic conditions it's all the more important that we help businesses take advantage of new market opportunities in the growing glob-

al green economy.
"This is good for profit margins and employment, as well as for tackling the region's ecological footprint.

"This latest round of ERDF funding will

help ensure projects that can contribute to a successful, sustainable future for the region don't fall by the wayside.'

The funding forms part of the - wait for - South East England European Development Competitiveness Programme 2007-13 that was approved in December 2007.

The South East was the first UK region to have the programme adopted.

A key priority will be encouraging tiny and slightly larger businesses to work together, forming groups that can benefit from better access to funding.

One of the initiatives covers training programmes for small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) – and that's most of

BY **TONY PATEY**

the firms in Kent - worth some £3.500 each if they want to go sustainable.

This is probably attractive to a lot of owners because customers are becoming more aware of sustainable and environmental business practices.

However, they'll be asked to invest in their companies so policies are carried out and companies will have to meet eligibility criteria.

The funding is in the hands of PLATOGB – an offshoot of Southern Enterprise Alliance, a private not-for-profit company - and it's for a two-year business and personal development programme.

Programme director Alexandra Massey said: "In these lean times, the green issue

is having more of an impact than ever.
"If the consumer has the choice, locallysourced products with a neutral carbon footprint are winning over something that's been flown in or has a heavy carbon footprint.

"This programme is about helping local companies implement a sustainable agenda, add a positive contribution to their marketing and make a difference to their

Participants can go along to free induction seminars to learn more before going on the full programme - in Kent they are on Thursday, May 21, at Ashford International Hotel, from 4.30pm to 6pm, and on Tuesday, May 26, at the Holiday Inn, Rochester, at the same times.

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AHEAD OF THE GAME: Pat Kingwell

VCD pip Town at the post to claim the title

Slade Green 2 Hythe Town 5

FREE from the pressures of the title race, Hythe Town cut loose on Saturday to end the season with a thumping win at Slade Green.

Paul Fisk's side went into the game knowing only a mathematical miracle would see them overtake VCD Athletic to claim the Kent League championship.

They fell behind early on, but an own goal from Grant Cunningham saw the sides go in level at half-time. After the break Town showed glimpses of the form that saw them top the table for much of the season, scoring four times.

Pat Kingwell put them in front for the first time six minutes after the break and goals from Lee Winfield and Buster Smissen put the result beyond doubt. After a consolation from Kriss Hollidge, Dale Skelton completed the scoring in injury time.

The victory left Hythe as runners-up, three points behind VCD. It left Town's fans to wonder what might have been but for a late-season slump, but Fisk's team are sure to be contenders to go one better

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Gills manager Mark Stimson discusses how to deal with being in the play-offs





TOUGH: Jimmy Dryden (above left) scored a brace on Saturday, taking his season's tally to 24, while Neil Cugley (above right) said that it was his toughest season in 22 years

Seasiders fight back to end toughest season on a high

A ROUSING second-half performance saw Folkestone Invicta sign off with a handsome win to complete a season that Neil Cugley admitted had been the toughest in his long managerial career.

After a poor first half, the Seasiders emerged after the break a different side and thrashed Walton Casuals to finish the season in the Ryman South's top half. Micheal Everitt and Jacob Arnold-Smith put the hosts in control, before Jimmy Dryden took his tally for the campaign to 24 with a brace.

Cugley said: "I had a bit of a moan and groan at half-time, but the second half I thought we did ever so well. To finish in the top half is pleasing, considering the season we've had."

Following relegation from the Ryman Premier on the last day of the season, Invicta looked on course to bounce straight back early in the season. They were second in the table when the club were rocked with the announce-

FOOTBALI

BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

Folkestone Invicta 4

M Everitt 48, Arnold-Smith 53, Dryden 61 & 71

Walton Casuals 0

ment of crippling debts in October. Overnight ambitions of promotion vanished, replaced by fears the club might not even survive the season. Enough was done to secure their status until May, but with wages not paid the bulk of the first team left.

For Cugley, who seriously considered his own position, it was a hugely frustrating time.

"I have been in management for 22 years and this season was definitely the hardest," he said. "The worst part was taking away a good side trying to win the league. Suddenly it's taken away from you. I think the team would have

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



been very close to winning the title. It's easy to say that now, but there were a couple of players we would have brought in which I think would have made the difference.

"I did have to think about [leaving], but I do like the club and I'm pleased I stayed because the younger players have done superbly."

The silver lining was the promotion of local youngsters such as Josh Vincent, Josh Burchell and Kieran Byrne. Their progress gives optimism for next season, with all the players signing on for next season – providing the club can find a solution to the financial problems.

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Browning injury and red cards mar Dover's parade

FOOTBALL

BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Tonbridge Angels 0



Dover 2

Sidibe 16, Wallis 30

A SICKENING injury to Lee Browning overshadowed the end to one of the most glorious seasons in Athletic's history on Saturday.

Browning will make a full recovery, but the game was held up for more than half an hour after the midfielder was accidentally hit on the temple by a fierce cross from Tim Olorunda and knocked out cold in the 10th minute.

He swallowed his tongue and only the swift intervention of medical staff from both sides prevented him from suffocating.

Browning was taken to hospital in Tunbridge Wells and discharged in time to return to Longmead for the end of the game, but his brush with mortality should have lent some kind of perspective to an end-of-season

The Angels were guaranteed third place before this game kicked off and with the title already in the bag for Dover this should have been a quieter affair than some of the



FRIGHT: Lee Browning was knocked unconscious after taking the full force of a Tonbridge free-kick

incendiary recent encounters between these

When Browning was applauded off the field by both sets of supporters, it seemed that sanity might prevail, but instead the game degenerated into a derby arguably more furiously contested than the 2006 play-off final between these sides, when promotion was at stake.

Six minutes after play resumed, Dover

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Bodkin (Browning 11), Hughes (Sidibe 64)

went in front when Lassana Sidibe blasted in a cross from Sam Gore, but a further delay ensued when the referee was injured and it took ten minutes to find a replacement

A linesman took charge and quickly found himself in the centre of a storm as Lee Worgan produced a shocking throw that went straight to Jon Wallis.

Worgan brought him down, conceded a penalty and was shown a straight red card, allowing Wallis to make it 2-0 from the spot.

The sides were evened up when Ollie Schulz was shown a straight red card for an alleged elbow on Carl Rook.

The Tonbridge bench reacted furiously and both Tommy Warrilow and Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler were sent off for their roles in the mêlée that followed.

Testosterone levels finally dipped during a goalless second period, but after all this pos-turing the question was clear: shouldn't Tonbridge have left something in the tank for their play-off semi-final on Tuesday?

FOOTBALL



CONCERNED: Dover manager Andy Hessenthaler

Hess praises physios for saving player's life

LEE BROWNING'S welfare was Andy Hessethaler's only concern both during and after Dover's 2-0 win at Tonbridge.

The midfielder was hospitalised after being hit in the face by the ball ten minutes into the game at Longmead, but Dover manager Hessenthaler says the quick action of medical staff at the ground prevented a tragedy.

"Lee's OK - he actually came back in the bus with us, but he stopped breathing for a few seconds," Hessenthaler told Yourdover.

"Both physios were fantastic, though, and he seems OK, but after what happened to him I didn't care about the result."

Hessenthaler admitted he was surprised by the intensity of the game, given it could not affect either side's league position.
"I think there's always been a little bit of

rivalry when these two teams play each other," he said. "It was quite intense - in fact what went on was unbelievable, really, with the referee getting injured and players getting sent off, but that's just because it's a passionate game."
The Whites boss was sent from the dug-

out after a bitter touchline altercation with his opposite number Tommy Warrilow, who was also shown a red card.

The incident was sparked when Ollie Schulz was shown a straight red for apparently elbowing Carl Rook, with Hessenthaler apparently unhappy with the

reaction from the Tonbridge bench.
After the game however, he was conciliatory, saying: "Tommy was sticking up for his player and I was sticking up for mine - it was just the heat of the moment."

Hessenthaler now has to ponder what he can do for an encore, having won a second successive title, this time with 104 points.

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3 Tonbridge Angels	42	20	13	9	+28	73
4 Carshalton Athletic	42	19	11	12	+]	68
5 Sutton United	42	18	13	11	+4	67
6 AFC Hornchurch	42	19	8	15	+9	65
7 Wealdstone	42	18	8	16	+14	62
8 Dartford	42	17	11	14	+13	62
9 Tooting & Mitcham	42	16	10	16	+0	58
10 Ashford Town (Midd)	42	18	2	22	-2	56
11 Billericay Town	42	15	11	16	-12	56
12 Canvey Island	42	16	7	19	-5	55
13 Horsham	42	16	7	19	-11	55
14 Harrow Borough	42	14	12	16	-17	54
15 Maidstone United	42	14	11	17	-5	53
16 Hendon	42	15	6	21	+4	51
17 Hastings United	42	14	7	21	-16	49
18 Boreham Wood	42	12	12	18	-13	48
19 Margate	42	13	7	22	-13	46
20 Harlow Town	42	13	6	23	-16	42
21 Heybridge Swifts	42	10	11	21	-22	41
22 Ramsgate	42	8	11	23	-32	31

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1 Kingstonian	42	26	8	8	+43	86
2 Cray Wanderers	42	24	7	11	+34	79
3 Fleet Town	42	21	15	6	+39	78
4 Metropolitan Police	42	21	14	7	+27	77
5 Worthing	42	21	13	8	+29	76
6 Sittingbourne	42	19	13	10	+9	70
7 Merstham	42	18	10	14	+3	64
8 Ashford Town	42	16	15	11	+14	63
9 Godalming Town	42	17	11	14	+21	62
10 Croydon Athletic	42	16	14	12	+13	62
11 Folkestone Invicta	42	16	11	15	+8	59
12 Dulwich Hamlet	42	15	15	12	+14	57
13 Eastbourne Town	42	17	6	19	-7	57
14 Walton & Hersham	42	13	11	18	-9	50
15 Leatherhead	42	14	8	20	-17	50
16 Whitstable Town	42	14	8	20	-19	50
17 Walton Casuals	42	12	8	22	-17	44
18 Whyteleafe	42	11	10	21	-16	43
19 Burgess Hill Town	42	10	13	19	-17	43
20 Corinthian-Casuals	42	11	10	21	-30	43
21 Chipstead	42	8	12	22	-39	36
22 Crowborough	42	4	4	34	-83	16

22 Crowborougn	42	4	4	34	-83	10
KENT LEAGUE	PREMIE	R DIV	SION			
1 VCD Athletic	32	22	4	6	44	70
2 Hythe Town	32	21	4	7	32	67
3 Greenwich Borough	32	20	4	8	15	63
4 Faversham Town	32	20	2	10	43	62
5 Holmesdale	32	18	7	7	27	6
6 Herne Bay	32	19	3	10	18	60
7 Erith Town	32	14	10	8	20	5
8 Erith & Belvedere	32	16	5	11	17	5
9 Croydon	32	15	4	13	18	49
10 Tunbridge Wells	32	13	6	13	3	4
11 Norton Sports	32	12	4	16	-13	40
12 Deal Town	32	10	8	14	4	38
13 Slade Green	32	11	4	17	-13	3
14 Sevenoaks Town	32	9	4	19	-23	3
15 Beckenham Town	32	8	4	20	-22	28
16 Lordswood	32	6	3	23	-36	2
17 Sporting Bengal	32	0	0	32	-134	(

Campaign to forget for Deal as they finish with a whimper

FOOTBALL

Deal Town 1 **Greenwich Borough 2**

DEAL Town's season ended on a sour note after a disappointing defeat at home to Greenwich Borough at the weekend.

After a quiet first half at the Charles Sports Ground, the game sprang into life in the final half an hour.

Borough's John Sisson opened the scoring for the visitors just before the hour mark and as Deal pushed forward to try and find the equaliser, they were hit on the break by

Greenwich forward Danny Hunt notched a goal on 77 minutes to ensure they would leave the Charles Sports Ground with all three points ensuring they finished the season in a surprising third position in the Kent League Premier Division.

Deal did manage to score before the end, but Robinson's 88th minute goal proved nothing more than a consolation as they slipped to their 14th defeat of the season.

Derek Hares, who told this newspaper last week that he would be in charge of the side next season, has pointed to injuries to key players such as Marc Pollard and Stuart Vahid as to the reason why his side finished 12th in the league.

The Deal boss will hope to keep hold of players such as Vahid and influential midfielder Dave Bathgate – who shunned a move to Faversham Town at the beginning of last season - if they are to improve on this season's displays.



STAYING? Deal boss Derek Hares hopes to keep midfielder Dave Bathgate at the club next season

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2nd March 2009

M Corrican, Dover

Mr Rhodes, Hythe

I am very pleased with the product and the professional way the windows were installed but what pleased me more was the fact that the fitters took only one day they were also very polite and helpful. Thank you

Mrs Sims, Ashford Very quick, tidy and efficient.

Mrs C Taylor, Whitstable

From the moment we outlined our requirements over a cup of tea at Britelite's requirements over a cup of tea at Britelite's showroom at Westgate, he whole installation had been a delight. Every member of staff has been friendly cheerful and helpful. There was no "hard Sell" and there was a genuine desire to listen and to meet our requirements at a competitive price. The installers turned up at the appointed time, completed the work on schedule and cleared all debris to the bear the work on schedule and cleared all debris to the point where it was impossible to detect that they had been. They were clearly very experienced took account of our comments and provided some excellent work. The windows are excellent and there is no sign of any damage to existing decoration, our next step is to have a window fitted to our recently refurbished kitchen one of the reasons we reguroisnea kitchen one of the reasons we held back on this was because we wanted to see the standard of Britelite's workmanship. We would have no worries about using them for his task. I would also have no problem in recommending the company to others, well done Britelite, what a breath of fresh air in an

3rd March 2009

Mrs F Collier, Crowborough

We were impressed by the conscientious efficient, tidy workmanship of both fitters. They did an excellent job for which we are very grateful.

Mrs Bisssett, Tunbridge Wells Very satisfied. Thank you

Mr Dhillon, Blackheath

We like the appearance of the windows installed. They were fitted with the minimum of disruption to us. We are completely satisfied with the workmanship, behavior and tidiness of your fitters.

4th March 2009

Mrs J Guy, Surrey

Very good quality workmanship we were ve happy with the finished product both fitters orkmanship we were verv were polite and efficient. Job well done.

6th March 2009

Mr D Moss, Ashford We would refer anybody to Britelite.

Mr & Mrs Taylor-Ryall, Hythe

Friendly, helpful installers who worked quickly efficiently and were very tidy. Pleased with finish. Will use Britelite again for any future work

Mr J Ricketts, Paddock wood Installation carried out to high standards. Finishing was excellent and work area tidied Installers did not leave until I was conversant with the door locking mechanism.

Mr Galer, Faversham Both the teams that built our conservatory were exceptional. The team that erected the conservatory were very professional hard working and trustworthy and made a excellent job of our conservatory. I would have no hesitation in recommending Britelite to anyone. This has been the third time I have chosen Britelite for work on my home and it will not be the last.

Mr & Mrs James, Sevenoaks Very efficient, tidy and pleasant.

Mr R Pennink, Tunbridge Wells. Your fitters took a lot of care to ma sure that the job was well finished.

quote. Our installers were very professional, working flat out over two days and fitted the windows to a very high standard. They told us of problems on two of the sashes (that we would never have noticed) and arranged for them to be replaced quickly. The office kept us well informed throughout and the girls I spoke to on different occasions were always polite and cheerful. We would not hesitate in recommending Britelite to anyone. Thank you

13th March 2009

Mr Ninn, Maidstone

We were very pleased with the work carried out which only took two days to complete, all the men did a first class job of work and

Mr S Bell, Maidstone

Mr & Mrs Grundy, Rainham Came on time, friendly and good workers.

Mr D Bates, Ashford

titlers came got on with the job, tidled away the rubbish, demonstrated product, answered all questions. A good professional job as always.

Mr & Mrs D Bryant, Pembury

We found all your staff from the ladies in the office, the sales rep, the surveyor and the installation team were all very polite and efficient. An excellent

Mrs E Melville, Faversham I am very pleased

Mrs M Smith, Tenterden

The two men who installed the replacement front door were very efficient, tidy and speedy. The whole operation was carried out in the most professional way and it was a pleasure to have them working here. I am very pleased with the door too.

Mr & Mrs Cornish, Dormansland

Efficient, hard working, friendly team. This is our second installation and once again we are really pleased with the service we have been given. We shall certainly be using Britelite when we complete our windows hopefully next year.

Mr P Chandler, Hastings

Very pleased with the quality of the product windows, doors and patio doors. Installed when promised to a very high standard. No issues at all, installers were very professional and tidy

26th March 2009

Mrs Nneka, Mottingham The finishing is very good and will recommend Britelite any day.

Mr M Chessum, London

I was entirely satisfied with the whole process. Britelite really does put the competition to shame. From the first visit to installation I have been impressed and content with the service I have received.

25th March 2009

Mr Chris Hollvoak, Tunbridge Wells

Two very personable, well organised, fitters. Very clean workmen. A credit to your company. Excellent job

Mr W.E Sutherden, Dartford

A superb quality product, installed by professional tradesmen. Thank you very much.

Mrs Gray, Folkstone

This is not the first installation that I have had done by Britelite once again I am a satisfied customer I was amazed at how quick and efficient the fitters were. They didn't stop for teabreaks and worked so well together as a team – even my neighbour remarked on a good job.

Mr G.F.J Stannard, Dover

A professional job, by a professional installation team. Thank You.w

Mr I Guy, Carshalton

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Mrs De'arth, Tunbridge Wells Very quick, very polite very satisfied.

Mr Straight, Sittingbourne An excellent job.

Mr Free, Maidstone

A very fast, polite and tidy team. 10th March 2009

Mr J Galvin, Dover

We could not have had a better installation Both fitters were top class as customer

11th March 2009

Mr & Mrs Munro, Sutton

We are absolutely delighted with our windows and doors! The whole process was unexpectedly painless. How refreshing to deal with a company that don't 'hardsell' Or give over the top quotes followed by fake discounts. We declined two other companies because of this. After reading all the positive testimonials on the review center website we decided to see if Britelite would come out as far as Sutton. The representative was a breath of fresh air

Mr & Mrs Wilkin, Maidstone Great installation team, very pleased with work done.

Mrs Martin, Rochester

We are very pleased with the windows we had installed this week. The young men who did the job were both very pleasant and left everything tidy as possible thank you very much

Mr P Dowsett, Mitcham

Extremely professional fitters very tidy quality of work was excellent attention to detail as superb. Windows and door of porch have greatly enhance the outside of our property

17th March 2009

Mr K Eyyoup, Bromley Kept to the appointment day, clean and tidy, nice windows.

Mr & Mrs Martin, Rochester Very pleased how quickly the job was finished by one man, leaving no mess.

24th March 2009

Mr C Parry, Gillingham Fitters on both days were very professional and courteous. They were joined by another pair of fitters on the second day to install the plant on bay and front door. The whole house was completed in two days. All the fitters were of continuous and tidled fitters worked continuously and tidied up afterwards. The transformation to the house is remarkable.

Mrs M Wilson, Rye Both of the men were first class.

Mrs M Godwin, Bexleyheath

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